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Disaster unemployment aid for workers, self-employed

he CNMI Department of Labor is now accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance, or DUA, for workers on Saipan who lost their jobs and self-employed individuals who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from Typhoon Soudelor.

Severe weather has devastated homes and businesses, resulting in disaster-related unemployment. Individuals may apply for DUA if they have had a week(s) of unemployment after Aug. 1, 2015, which is the date when the disaster began. Individuals must file applications for DUA within 30 days from today—by Oct. 19, 2015.

Labor's website contains information about Disaster Unemployment Assistance, including DUA applications: http://www.wia.gov.mp/disaster-relief.

Individuals on Saipan who lost work as a direct result of Soudelor may apply for DUA either in person, by mail or by phone. DUA applications and other forms may be obtained at either of the following location(s):

- CNMI DOL Workforce Investment Agency Division, Capital Hill, Saipan, Bldg. No. 1215
- CNMI DOL Employment Services Division, Capital Hill, Saipan, Bldg. No. 1334

Individuals applying by phone should have their social security number available when calling as well as the name and address of their last employer or prospective employer or basic information about their business if self-employed. Phone applications can be made by calling any of the following numbers Monday through Friday between 7:30am and 4:30pm: 670-664-3156, 670-664-3157, 670-664-3190, 670-664-3195, 670-664-3196,

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PCG working to bring OWWA rep for mobile mission to NMI

A representative of the Philippines' Overseas Workers Welfare Administration may be able to join the Philippine Consulate General's mobile mission to the Commonwealth next week.

OWWA administrator Rebecca Calzado will be sending a representative, in the person of former welfare officer to PCG Saipan Rey Tayag, to join the PCG's consular mission on Saipan and Tinian on Sept. 22-28.

The OWWA administration is now in the process of preparing Tayag's pre-deployment requirements.

"We're doing our best that they arrive on time for the mobile consular mission. Hopefully they will," Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago said.

Arago said the arrival of an OWWA representative will be a big help for the Filipino community on Saipan.

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam also recommended to OWWA that the representative make a stopover on Rota to be able to assist the Filipino community there.

OWWA is an agency of the Philippine government that protects and promotes the welfare of overseas Filipino workers and their dependents. By being a member of OWWA, an overseas Filipino worker becomes entitled to various benefits and services, such as death benefits, disability and dismemberment benefit, and burial benefit. It also provides educational assistance, among other programs.

Requirements for OWWA application are the following: CW-1 copy, passport copy, and a \$25 fee.

The consular mission on Saipan will be on Sept. 23 to 25 and on Sept. 26 to 27 on Tinian. Applications for passport renewals, registration for overseas voting for the May 2016 Philippine elections as well as civil registry and notarial services will be accommodated. (Frauleine S. Villanueva)

Rolling chip program authorized

Commission has authorized a rolling chip program with recently approved junket regulations.

Edward C. Deleon Guerrero, commission executive director, explains that the rolling program is a widely used marketing program to entice baccarat players in Asian casinos including Australia, Macau, Singapore, Philippine, Malaysia, Cambodia, etc.

Based on the turnover of the non-negotiable chips, he said, the casino rebates a percentage of the potential win back to the players.

"As the Best Sunshine's customers are mainly from Asia, the commission adopted the recent junket regulation so the casino could be in line with other competitors in the region," he said.

As part of the recently approved junket regulations, which regulate junket operators who bring in high-rollers to play

The Commonwealth Casino at the Saipan casino, the commission will get 0.01 percent off the "rolling volume" as part of the junket fee. Best Sunshine Ltd., the Saipan casino licensee, pays this fee.

> "The rolling volume depends on the kind of turnovers the players generate," Guerrero said. "The casino and the junket operators are anticipated to bring in VIPs, thus rolling volume is anticipated to be quite substantial."

"Since this is a new industry on Saipan, the commission does not have a solid or fair estimation of the 0.01 percent of the rolling volume until the program is up and running for a period of time."

Guerrero said they are confident that the junket regulations are adequate to regulate this activity while allowing some degree of competitiveness for Best Sunshine. (Dennis B. Chan)





Budget talks hang fire as brinkmanship continues

By DENNIS B. CHAN REPORTER

The bicameral conference committee tasked to get a balanced budget ready for Gov. Eloy S. Inos' signature remained in recess yesterday, with no scheduled meeting for today or in coming days as of press time.

House representatives and senators last met on Wednesday, but after a split vote over a provision to direct the Marianas Visitors Authority to move program money to other agencies, they went on recess after a morning meeting.

The lawmakers did not resume that afternoon. This recess continued yesterday and appears to continue today.

Senators have said that "enforcement" is a top priority in their version of the budget bill, noting the increased presence sion, an amendment provides

related crime, when pressed by

"priorities" during budget discussion.

According to their version of the fiscal year 2016 budget bill, senators want to give a 5-percent salary increase to qualified law enforcers.

Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Senate budget conference chair and fiscal committee chair, told Saipan Tribune that such provisions inform their "true intent" in their budget version.

"Furthermore, the Senate gave the Mayor of Saipan an additional \$300,000 for operations," Hofschneider said yesterday.

According to the Senate ver-

of casino operators and drug- \$150,000 to fund a new "drug court" in the CNMI that sena-House representatives on their tors say will help combat the

> prevalent use of illegal drugs in the CNMI.

> Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) described crystal meth use as a "monstrosity in the community" during discussion this week,

noting that funding will go "to help the community get out this situation."

House lawmakers, though, have disagreed with the source of the funding, as the amount of \$150,000 comes from the Judiciary Administrative Office.

Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-

Saipan) told senators this week that Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman has communicated to him that funding for the drug court does not impact their current allotment. According to Sablan, the courts believe that the seed money for the drug court would be "additional money coming in."

Other Senate provisions include increasing the salaries for department heads on Rota and Tinian from \$36,000 to \$45,000; increasing Rota and Tinian budgets from \$500,000 to \$600,000; boosting the leadership accounts of the House and Senate from the originally proposed \$179,387; raising the annual salary of Tinian and Rota deputy commissioners to the \$54,000 salary of the special assistant for management and budget/CIP administrator to "not less than \$62,000; and increasing from \$70,000 to \$80,000 the salaries of Public School System associate commissioners.

The House disagrees with the source of funding for these Senate amendments, which will move some \$2 million from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Rep. Joseph "Leepan" Guerrero (R-Saipan), who is not part of the six-member budget committee, urged his fellow lawmakers to pass a budget in time.

"The community is going to blame the entire 29 elected offi-

\$45,000 per annum; increasing cials [that] we are very irresponsible. It is difficult to accept that. As one of the 29, I really want this to be resolved so the governor can either line item veto it, or veto it entirely.

"We are playing with the livelihood of the government employees. I don't like it. I want the committee to resolve this immediately. We need to move on. We have pressing issues that we need to address," he said, noting recovery efforts due to Typhoon Soudelor.



Rota board member hot about blocked access to a waterline

By DENNIS B. CHAN

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board discussed on Wednesday a letter from the Rota delegation regarding access to waterline for local agriculture.

During discussion, acting CUC executive director John Riegel said this unused water line was a "CUC asset." Right now, it is not being used but Riegel noted there were long-term plans to put in a different line.

Rota board member Albert Taitano asked why it was closed, saying he was told the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

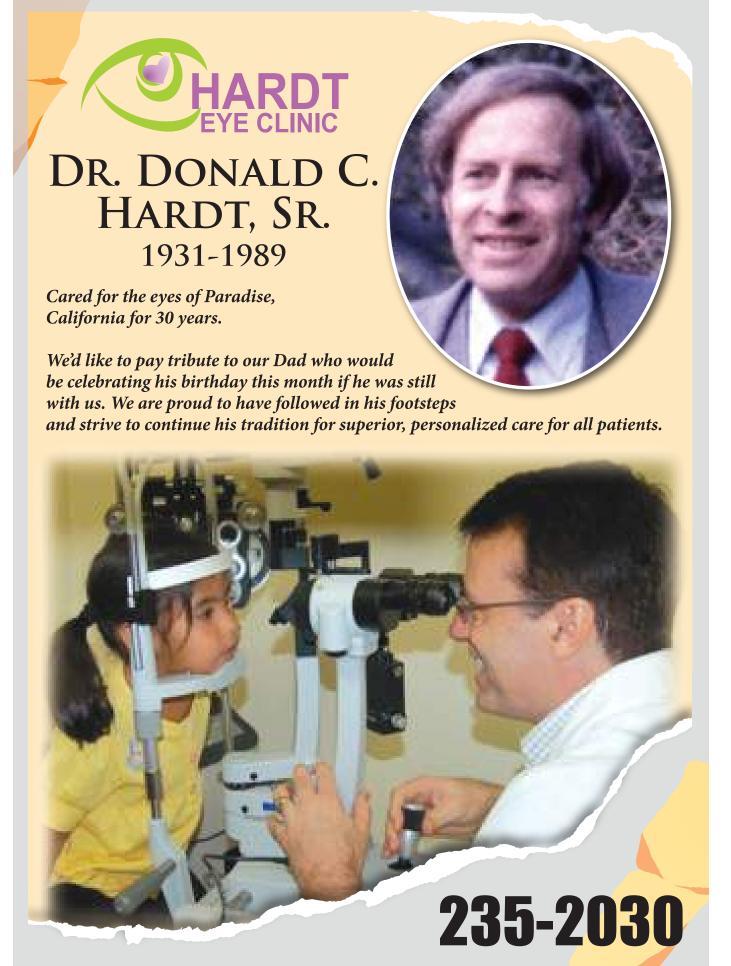
in there" because of fruit bats in the area.

Riegel confirmed prompting Taitano to ask for this in documentation.

Taitano also urged Riegel to set up a meeting with Fish and Wildlife.

"The question that I have is, for the longest time we have been using it on Rota and if the issue is the fruit bat or Fish and Wildlife—the fruit bat has been there for hundred of years, so I don't see what's the issue. The fruit bats were there even before U.S. Fish and Wildlife came into Rota. That's why I want you to invite USFW so we can sit down and talk. If anybody knows about Rota, it's us Ro-





A night of beer and benefit at Brew Master's dinner

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA frauleine_villanueva@saipantribune.com

Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's was packed with beer experts and amateurs alike last Tuesday as Marpac Inc. and Ambros Inc. once again hosted its very popular Brew Master dinner.

For the third time, Brewmaster outreach director for Anheuser-Busch George F. Reisch, a fifth generation brewmaster, came to Saipan to educate the public in the art of beer drinking.

"We try to bring him out once a year," Ambros marketing manager Casey Truong said. "It's educational and we want to teach people how to drink beer the right way, pour beer the right way."

The event had five courses paired with five beer products of Anheuser-Busch.

The first was Stella Artois, a "Belgian pilsner with exceptional clarity and a spicy hop character." It was paired with tuna tartare cones and seafood salad.



Brew master George Reisch once again educated Saipan on the art of drinking beer and dining at the Brew Master's dinner last Tuesday.

Rolling Rock was paired with the bruschetta station. It is a light beer that is almost caramel-ly and has a blend of pale barley malt, rice, and corn. Reisch said Rolling Rock is perfect with pasta as well.

The third beer, Goose Island 312, has a "spicy aroma of Cascade hops" and has a "crisp, fruity ale flavor." It was paired with achote risotto with green peas, bacon, roasted red beets, fennel, and carrots.

Of course, the famous and favorite-of-many that is Budweiser was included and was matched with certified Angus beef pie au gratin and roasted mahi-mahi fillet.

For dessert, Shock Top Ale

munity partner," Marianas High

School principal Cherlyn Ca-

brera said. "We're just so grate-

ful. On behalf of the sweaty stu-

dents of Marianas High School,

Start centers that still need gen-

erators and they are looking at

options on where to get them.

She also mentioned that they

placed an order for backup gen-

erators but those won't come

out there in the community

"If there are any generators

until the end of October.

Sablan said there are Head

I know they will be grateful."

the same beer.

"This isn't new, it's really very old. Once you connect people, I really believe it's in our DNA to really love this symbiosis between beer and food." Reisch said.

"A properly poured beer in the right glass, and if you take a sip of that beer with every bite of food, you actually enjoy the food more and the whole meal is like a symphony at that point," he added.

was served. It is a Belgian-

style ale with real orange,

lemon, and lime peel. It was

partnered with chocolate cit-

rus frangipane, lemon me-

ringue tartlets, and a mango

pana cotta that also contains

Unlike beer, wine doesn't have carbon dioxide, which according to Reisch, carries aromas and dials up the flavor of food.

For the benefit of Red Cross

The Brew Master dinner wasn't only a night of beer and good food, it was also a benefit dinner for Typhoon Soudelor survivors.

"Because of the typhoon, we made it a benefit dinner. We donated \$25 out of the \$50 [per ticket] to American Red Cross for the Saipan relief efforts," Truong said.

Anheuser-Busch beers Shock Top, Budweiser, Rolling Rock, Stella

Artois, and Goose Island 312 were featured at this year's Brew Mas-

ter's dinner of Marpac and Ambros Inc. at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

She said they were able to sell about 90 tickets.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

"Usually we sell the tickets and it goes back to the place, the restaurant. So it would have gone back to Hyatt. But the Hyatt was generous enough to say, we charge \$25, and the other \$25 we'll donate it to American Red Cross," Truong said.

"We have a relationship with Red Cross. We donated \$10,000 to them to help with the Saipan relief and we also donated two 40-foot containers of water to them. So it made sense that we will donate this money to the American Red Cross," she added.

ARC-NMI chapter executive director John Hirsh said he is grateful for the support.

A silent auction was also held to raise more funds for Red Cross. Donated items from Hyatt, Triple J, and Marpac such as a one night stay at an executive suit, a 48-inch HDTV, and a Budweiser guitar were up for bids.

"We're just really grateful there's a big crowd tonight. I think everybody's in a pretty festive mood," Hirsh said. "We're just so happy that the Red Cross can be the beneficiary of tonight."

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erations, said they knew of PSS' need for generators so they decided to reach out.

"These are generators that IT&E brought over from Guam right after the typhoon to power some of our cell sites initially, and we have larger generators for the cell sites to run up all the networks. So as we brought those up and with power coming up the distribution lines, now they are part of the surplus," he said.

Harrell said these generators

are being lent to PSS for free and PSS can use them "as long as they need them."

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said she's grateful to IT&E.

"We've been asking for generators from the CNMI government and we haven't gotten any responses. We're glad that the business community really cares about our children and now we're going to be able to bring some fans and cool air to the classrooms to circulate the air inside the classrooms," Sablan said.

"We're so grateful to have the opportunity to have this kind of

collaboration," she added.

Sablan said the generators

will power up some 50 classrooms in 10 buildings of Kagman Elementary School and Marianas High School.

"If we can't have air-conditioning, at least we can have fans," Sablan said.

"I'm actually very excited, I'm really thrilled because this is something that will really help students with what they need to do," KES principal Dr. Ignacia Demapan said. "We're very thankful to IT&E for responding to our needs at this time."

"They're just a great com-

■ Copies of the most recent

that's not being used, we'd like to loan them," Sablan said.

federal income tax form(s), check stubs, and other proof of earnings

Evidence of self-employment earnings, business license, including financial documents

ment earnings, business license, including financial documents such as 2014 federal/CNMI income tax forms, profit and loss statement, and proof of business loss due to the disaster.

■ Proof of legal authorization to work on Saipan. Individuals must be a qualified alien who is legally authorized to work on Saipan. If an individual is paid DUA pending verification of alien status and/or work authorization and it is later discovered that the individual is not a qualified alien and/or is not authorized to work, any DUA paid will be overpaid and CNMI will also determine whether or not the individual made a false statement to obtain DUA. DUA payments are not subject to any waiver provisions and therefore any overpayments established must be repaid in full.

Individuals who are determined eligible for DUA must file weekly claim certifications

(to demonstrate their continued eligibility) either in person or by phone using any of the above listed numbers between the hours of 7:30am and 4:30pm. Individuals who file a DUA claim will receive information about their benefit rights and responsibilities. To remain eligible for DUA, individuals must be able to work and be available for work, unless injured as direct result of the disaster. Continued eligibility is determined on a week-by-week basis.

Individuals who willfully conceal material facts or knowingly making a false statement to obtain DUA to which they are not entitled will be required to repay all benefits fraudulently collected and may be subject to prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

The CNMI Department of Labor Workforce Investment Agency Division offers reemployment services, including testing, counseling and job placement. For more information, visit www.wia. gov.mp or call 670-664-1704/1707/1708/1757/1705. (USDOL)

CUC now generating 3.4MW of electricity The Commonwealth Utilities rently supported by their peers

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues to work on restoring Saipan's power and water systems with the assistance of local, regional, and federal partners.

Power

Islandwide recovery efforts are being carried out by an international team dedicated to the restoration of Saipan's generation, transmission, and distribution capabilities. All of the primary lines on each of Saipan's eight feeders are projected to be online by the end of September and the majority of Saipan should be online by the end of October. As our crews begin work on the lateral lines, customers closer to the primary lines will be among the first to receive power while restoration will take longer for customers further away from the primary lines and those with more damage.

Personnel

CUC Saipan linemen are cur-

rently supported by their peers from Rota, Tinian, Rhode Island, Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Guam.

Generation

CUC is currently able to generate 43.4MW of electricity through a combination of Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico and Power Plant 1 in Lower Base. As the restoration of Saipan's main production facility continues, we expect another 10MW to come online within the next two weeks.

Power Plant 4

Power Plant 4 is currently able to produce 8.4MW of electricity from Generators 2 (2.1MW), 3 (2.1MW), 5 (2.3MW), 7 (.95MW), and 9 (.95MW). The plant is currently standing in reserve.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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670-664-3197, 670-664-1704, 670-664-1705, 670-664-1708, 670-664-1757, 670-664-1707, 670-322-0996, or 670-322-4365.

DUA is available for eligible unemployed employees, selfemployed individuals, farmers, and fishermen engaged in business at the time of the disaster.

Who can apply for DUA

Individuals who worked on the island of Saipan at the time of the disaster and are totally, parttotally, or partially unemployed as a direct result of the disaster may apply for DUA. Individuals must have lost work and wages or a majority of income or revenue because their employer's business or their selfemployed business was damaged or destroyed or closed by the federal/state government due to the disaster. In addition, one of the following conditions may have occurred as a direct result of the disaster:

■ The individual is unable to reach his/her place of employ-

ment due to the disaster;

■ The individual was scheduled to start work and the job no longer exists or the individual is unable to reach the job;

■ The individual became the breadwinner or major support because the head of the household died as a direct result of the disaster;

■ The individual cannot work because an injury caused a direct result of the major disaster; and

■ The individual's work hours have been reduced as a direct result of the major disaster.

Also, to receive DUA, individuals must provide all required documentation inperson at one of the above locations within 21 days from the day the claim was filed. A list of the required documentation will be provided when the claim is filed.

Examples of required documentation (due within 21 days) include but are not limited to:

■ A government issued picture identification (driver's license, passport, alien registration card, etc.)

■ Social Security Card

Govt on time with utility bills

By DENNIS B. CHAN

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Despite anticipated government revenue losses after Typhoon Soudelor, the local government has been on time with its utility bills, according to administration and utility officials.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. chief financial officer Matthew Yaquinto told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the central government and the Public School System are "good" on payments, confirming a report from an administration official that the government is current.

The exact figures of payments were not made available as of press time.

There are some \$2 million in

back payments owed from previous years, but the administration has been making payments since the typhoon. They pay some \$5.2 million in utility payments a year.

Yaquinto also said the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has also been current, paying \$150,000 a month.

Meantime, the Inos administration did not yet have dollar figures accounting for the "hit" Typhoon Soudelor had on the economy, when asked for the information.

The CNMI Department of Finance is looking at government revenue points such as revenue tax, customs fees, and business license fees to crunch out a larger number detailing the impact to the economy.

Ex-BOS president still owes \$5.6M in restitution

» Aldan made \$71K in payments; supervised release expiring on Nov. 25

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

Former Bank of Saipan president Tomas B. Aldan's supervised release will expire this Nov. 25 and, although he has already paid \$71,701 in restitution, he still owes a balance of \$5.6 million.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Tuesday that Central District of California Probation Officer Ashley Ross has recommended to have Aldan's term of supervised release expire without full

"Like Father, Like Son" — Family theme submission by C. Malali

payment of his restitution due to his ongoing compliance.

Arriola said he supports this but collection efforts will continue until Aldan's supervised release and then he will be instructed to continue submitting payments after the expiration date.

In January 2004, then-U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex Munson slapped Aldan with a 10-year prison term over his conviction related to the Bank of Saipan fiasco.

Munson also ordered Aldan to pay \$5.48 million to BOS and \$209,980 to bank customer Michelle Hom, to be paid jointly with co-defendants Bert Douglas Montgomery and Michael T. Wilson.

Arriola disclosed that Aldan was released from custody on Nov. 25, 2012, and began his

term of supervised release in the Central District of California.

Arriola said their office has been monitoring Aldan's restitution payments as well as monitoring any changes that may affect his ability to pay.

The probation officer said Aldan has paid a total of \$71,701.82 toward his restitution, leaving him with an outstanding balance of \$5,622,101.88.

Arriola said probation officer Ross advised that Aldan's income has remained stable and he has complied with complete financial disclosure, and all other terms of his supervision.

In 2003, a federal jury convicted Aldan and Montgomery of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. In addition, Montgomery was convicted of multiple wire fraud

and money laundering.

Another defendant, DuSean Berkich, was convicted of wire fraud and money laundering.

Montgomery was meted with a 20-year prison term. Berkich reportedly killed himself before he could be sentenced.

Michael Wilson pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and testified as a prosecution witness during the trial. He was sentenced to three years in prison.

The U.S. government charged Aldan with conspiracy in connection with his role in the fraudulent release of some \$5 million in BOS loans to a Texas firm owned by Wilson. The wire fraud count against Aldan and Montgomery arose from transactions that defrauded BOS customer Michelle Hom.



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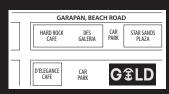
After 27 years of service to the people of the CNMI, I regret to say that I have decided to close YTT Gold Shop effective this autumn in order to spend more time with my family. We thank you for the years of patronage and support. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be cherished.

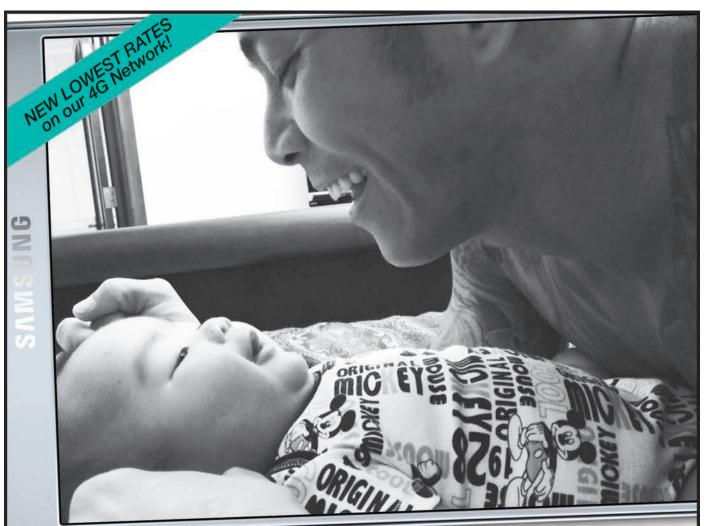
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Inos urges public input before EIS comment deadline

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The administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos urged the public on Wednesday to share their written comments for the proposed live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan, as the Oct. 1 deadline draws nearer, about two weeks away.

"The deadline to submit written comments on the proposed CJMT live-fire training proposal is Oct. 1, 2015, and there is still time for the public to submit written comments," Inos said in a statement.

"It is very important for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to let their opinions be heard and to participate in the environmental impact analysis

process," he added.

The CNMI government continues to work with its consultants and making the final edits on the CNMI's formal response to the U.S. Department of Defense's proposal to train Marines in the Northern Mariana Islands.

These consultants, Dentons US LLC, have urged the public to specify their concerns with their written comments.

Public concerns on U.S. military live-fire plans will provide substance to the administrative record used in lawsuits against the Department of Navy should they stomp ahead with plans adverse to the economic, social, and environmental wishes of the CNMI.

A resident can frame his or

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her comments in several ways.

- One, the military has a duty under law to consider all reasonable alternatives to what it is proposing—not just what it likes, prefers, or finds easiest. For example, the U.S. military has focused solely on Tinian and Pagan. If the public would like them to look at another location that can be made clear and explicit in one's comments.
- Second, there is analysis of impacts. The military has a responsibility to analyze and evaluate the significance of all reasonably foreseeable impacts, which can be broad and described as "short term, long term, or cumulative." If the conclusions the military reaches on impacts appear

lacking, the public can point to ready-available data or "on the ground" knowledge that the military failed to consider.

■ Third, there is mitigation of impacts. If the public has ideas on how impacts can be lessened, or would like more clarity on how their fishing or access to fishing areas would be impacted by the dredging and loss of coral reefs, for example, they are urged to comment on these concerns. The public is urged to provide information about impacted places or resources that they feel the military has not taken into account.

Public comment is an integral part of the National Environmental Policy Act process, which compels federal agencies to make clear their plans and its impacts to a community and the environment.

Typhoons Nangka and Soudelor resulted in officials with the Marine Corp Forces Pacific command twice granting extensions to the public comment period.

Comments can be submitted in writing to:

1. Dentons & Environmental Science Associates at: http:// www.cnmieis.org/submit-comments.html

2. Pacific Command/Joint Region Marianas at: http:// www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com/get-involved.

3. By mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific

Attn: 09PA, Public Affairs Office 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite

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Federal judge orders Hillbroom to appear, explain why he should not be sanctioned

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The federal court has ordered Junior Larry Hillbroom to appear in court today, Friday, to explain why he should not be sanctioned for not showing up at a settlement conference.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy ordered Hillbroom to appear in court at 8:30am to show cause why he should not be sanctioned for violating the court's orders.

Kennedy said Hillbroom failed to appear for a settlement conference last Monday as directed by two court orders.

The settlement conference was set in connection with Hillbroom's pending lawsuit against his two previous lawyers for allegedly conspiring with a former trustee to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when late business tycoon Larry Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings.

Last July, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramo-

na V. Manglona issued a ruling favorable to Hillbroom by denying the motion for judgment on the pleadings filed by Hillbroom's two former lawyers, David J. Lujan and Barry J. Israel.

Manglona ruled that all grounds asserted by Lujan and Israel failed.

> With Manglona's ruling, it means that Hillbroom's lawsuit against Lujan and Israel will proceed. The Vietnam-

based Israel and Guam lawyer Lujan used to serve as counsels for Hillbroom in the late Hillblom's probate mat-

ter in Superior Court. Hillbroom is the DNA-proven son of Hill-

Hillblom, founder of DHL Express, died in a plane crash off Anatahan waters in 1995. His body was never recovered.

Approximately \$100 million in assets were distributed to Hillbroom in the settlement of the probate case for Hillblom estate. Since Hillbroom was a minor at the time of the settlement, the Junior Larry Hillbroom Trust was created for him.





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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform constructior management (CM) services for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Taxiways B & H Rehabilitation Project, AIP Nos 3-69-0002-79/83, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPAs Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

garding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant, in writing v

hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp or cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than Friday, September 18, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands 30 points; CM experience related to airport paving projects; 30 points; Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AP grants 15 points;
- general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence — 15 points; and Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable — 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, OCTOBER 9, 2015. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price is agreed with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

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\$1.8M in federal funds for solar, CUC efficiency

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Sablan (Ind-MP) announced Solar will get \$1,359,489 to

Demapan concerned about possible delay of minimum wage increase

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), who chairs the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs, expressed concerns yesterday about delaying the seventh federally mandated 50-cent minimum wage increase since 2007. Under federal law, the CNMI minimum wage would increase to \$6.55 an hour in October 2016, and will continue to increase by \$0.50 every other year until it reaches the federal minimum wage level, which at this time is pegged at \$7.25 an hour.

"The recent devastation brought about by Typhoon Soudelor caused extreme hardship on our people," said Demapan. "This very hardship is further compounded for hard working Demapan individuals who are at the lesser level of the wage bracket."

To point to the recent natural disaster as grounds for reprieve,

Demapan noted, should be the same reason to also discuss the compensation needs of individual employees.

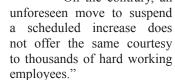
"I am aware that Soudelor has also affected the activities and revenues of our business community, but this does not warrant turning our attention away from hardworking employees," added Demapan. "I believe that the livelihood of employees should also be taken into account when analyzing the impact of wage increases."

despite the 2010 findings of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, much has changed in the economic landscape of the Commonwealth.

"Since then, we've seen increased economic activity and additional investments that are already in progress," Demapan said. "These positive impacts give greater rise to embracing the scheduled wage increase in 2016."

"It's about equity and fairness to both employers and employees. Since 2007, employ-

ers knew that there would be gradual increases in \$0.50 increments every other year," said Demapan. "This schedule essentially allowed employers to be prepared ahead of time. On the contrary, an



Nonetheless, Demapan noted that it is important to review new data so the government can update its analysis and take into account the economic impact from Typhoon Soudelor. However, he also noted that because of the U.S. Presidential declaration of a major disaster area here, it is important to keep in mind that millions of dollars in disaster assistance funds are now available to help businesses recoup losses sustained as a

Northern Marianas Housing Corp. homes on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, while the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will receive \$382,000 to buy 63 pole-mounted transformers. Congress appropriates the funds to the Department of Agriculture each year to assist remote areas such as the Northern Mariana Islands that have very high electricity costs.

"Congress provides the money," Sablan said, "but it takes well done, competitive grant applications to bring the money to the Marianas.

"I congratulate Mr. Brian Clayton and the team at Pacific Wind and Solar and Mr. Greg Burkett and everyone at CUC, who are helping our community make electricity more affordable."

Pacific Wind and Solar, a Saipan-based company, will use the money to install solar arrays on 82 homes. Each home will have 12 250-watt commercialgrade solar panels, generating a total of 3 kilowatts of power. This is expected to cover about 70 percent of all electricity needs for the people in those households

The project will benefit 32 families in Koblerville Estates, 48 families in Mihaville Estates in Garapan, 20 families in Broadway Estates on Tinian, and 17 families at Blue Bay Homes in Songsong Village on Rota.

CUC will use its money to replace 63 pole-mounted electric transformers. The transformers are oversized for the businesses they serve, which results in line losses of up to 30 percent. Right-sizing the transformers is expected to save \$265,735 per year, a saving that can be passed on to consumers.

The funds come through the High Energy Cost Grant program, administered by Rural Development at the Department of Agriculture.

High Energy Cost Grants may be used to improve energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities in communities where the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. The grants are available to businesses,

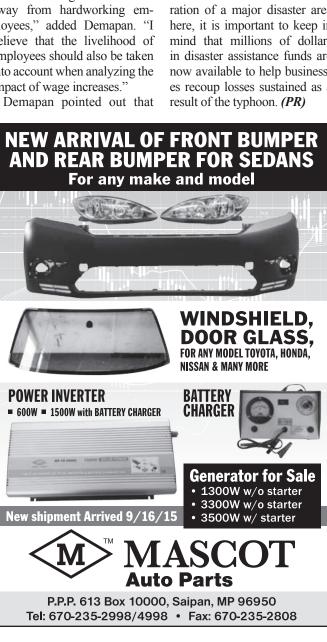
non-profit groups, states, local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack awarded funds for nine projects in all, worth \$7.9 million. "These grants will help deliver energy more cost-effectively and will help the environment," Vilsack said.

He noted that when businesses and families spend less on fuel and electricity, they have more money to invest in the local economy. "This helps create jobs and benefits entire communities."

And, he said, the program helps the environment by reducing carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels.

In addition to the two projects in the Northern Marianas, there are three in Alaska, two in Hawaii, and one each in Arizona and South Dakota. (PR)





NMTI to promote 41 students on Sept. 28

By JAYSON CAMACHO jayson_camacho@saipantribune.com

The Northern Marianas Technical Institute will be holding a promotional ceremony for 41 students under its hotel and restaurant and culinary arts program this Sept. 28 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The promotional ceremony will begin at 1pm.

The students went through 180 classroom hours and 240 hours internship for the hotel and restaurant operations program and 84 classroom hours and 240 hours internship for the culinary arts program.

NMTI chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres said this would be the first promotional ceremony held this year for both programs under NMTI.

"The culinary arts program at

NMTI began in 2009 and has been one of the most popular programs that we offer. Basically, the culinary arts is a program for learning the art of preparing and cooking food," McPhetres said.

"The culinary program prepares students for gainful employment and or postsecondary education in the food production and service industry. Classes provide students the opportunity to acquire marketable skills by examining the industry and its career opportunities and by developing interpersonal skills along with skills in food preparation," she added.

Students are also exposed to laboratory facilities and experiences in commercial food operations along with classroom instruction. Students are required to complete 240 hours of internship at the Hyatt.

The Hotel and Restaurant Operations program at NMTI also began in 2010. This trade teaches techniques and concepts related to hotel and restaurant operations, marketing, reservations, food and beverage services, table service, banquets and other guest services. After 180 hours of internship at Hyatt, students receive certificates from the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

McPhetres said that upon receipt of this certificate, students will have acquired an under-

The Hotel and Restaurant standing of the significance of hotels and restaurants to the tourist industry and knowledge of concepts in the trade and operation of hotels and restaurants.

"Trained culinarians and hotel and restaurant operators are continually needed in both the hospitality and tourism industries. Employment in the food service and hotel operation are growing and will continue to grow in the CNMI. Some career possibilities include positions in restaurants, clubs, bakeries, and hotels," she said.







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Pieology Pizzeria inks accord to enter Saipan, Guam

RANCHO SANTA MAR- mand across the globe for what GARITA, California—Pieology Pizzeria, where pizza lovers go to create custom pizzas in endless flavor combinations at one affordable price, announced yesterday that it has signed a master franchise agreement with Progressive Pies, LLC to open Pieology's first locations Pieology's signature pizza ex-

in Guam and >>> Pieology is first Saipan. Foundfast casual custom ed in 2011 by Carl Chang, pizza chain to brother and forannounce plans in mer coach of these markets profestennis sional and Pieol-

ogy franchisee Michael Chang, Pieology currently operates 70 locations throughout 11 states, and is the first fast casual custom pizza concept to announce plans to build in these markets. This new agreement outlines commitments to open at least three locations in both territories, with the first to open in Guam at the beginning of 2016. "There's a significant de-

Pieology has to offer, and that's delicious, customizable food served at a great value," said Carl Chang, founder and CEO of Pieology. "We're thrilled to team up with such a talented franchise group as we enter uncharted territories and share

> perience with communities in these exciting new markets."

Progressive Pies LLC is subsidiary for Apple Pacific LLC,

who is the franchisee for Applebee's Grill & Bar and IHOP Restaurant in Guam and the CNMI. Progressive Pies, LLC has secured exclusive development rights in Guam and Saipan.

"We know these markets well and we're eager to bring Pieology's mouthwatering pizzas and unparalleled guest experience

to Guam and Saipan," Richard Hart, principal franchisee and president of Progressive Pies, LLC. "When searching for a fast casual pizza concept to bring to these regions, Pieology had everything we were looking for, from an exceptional leadership team led by Carl Chang, to the best tasting product hands down."

The Pieology experience starts with fresh house-made dough that is pressed into 11.5inch thin pizza crusts, which is typically larger than others in the custom pizza space. Guests select from eight signature sauces, moving down the line to choose from more than 40 fresh and flavorful meats, cheeses, vegetables, herbs and spices. The customized pizzas are then stone oven fired to perfection in less than three minutes. To finish, guests have the option to add after-bake "Flavor Blast" sauces, including fiery buffalo, pesto and BBO. Pieology also offers gluten-free crust, Daiya

vegan mozzarella cheese (select locations), whole wheat crust and a selection of seven signature pizzas, which can be customized upon request.

of fast casual pizza dining and continues to impress with their innovative approach to this iconic American classic. Part-

"Pieology is at the forefront nering with Pieology exemplifies our continued commitment to bring unique dining experiences to Guam and the CNMI," said Hart. (PR)



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IT&E continues major investments in the CNMI

>> John Compton moves to Saipan as COO

» IT&E projects to cost an estimated \$30M

As Saipan recovers from Super Typhoon Soudelor's devastation, IT&E is gearing up to invest more in the CNMI.

"We continue to be robust and aggressive in our outlook for the CNMI. The total investment of an estimated \$30 million will be used to build and improve our cellular, broadband, and wireline infrastructures with the overall thrust of bringing a greater data experience for all of the CNMI," said Jim Oehlerking, CEO of PTI, the holding company of IT&E.

IT&E will begin to implement a cellular network expansion program that will include capacity increases of its existing 4G HSPA+ network as well as bring in a brand new 4G LTE network in conjunction with its partner, Ericsson. The cellular expansion will begin this month and will be finished by early 2016.

IT&E will also embark on a six-year, multi-phased buried fiber optic network that will provide not just high-speed Internet access but also improve the network's resiliency against natural disasters, such as the recent Super Typhoon Soudelor. Phase 1 of this buildup is targeted to be completed within 2016. To complement the fiber optic build, IT&E will also upgrade the capacity of its existing residential DSL network, a project that is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016, together with the upgrades of its existing undersea cable using the latest state of the art technology.



Compton

Given the importance of all of these investments and developments, John Compton, IT&E's CEO, is relocating to Saipan effective this month as IT&E's COO.

Oehlerking, PTI's CEO, will serve concurrently as IT&E's CEO.

"I am excited about the move to Saipan and look forward to working closely with the CNMI community," Compton said. "IT&E has always believed in the CNMI and has a long history of supporting the islands through all its ups and downs. We continue to firmly support the CNMI's growth and development through these new investments." (IT&E)

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EDITORIAL

FDA tests its power, while there's time

sing power granted in 2009 when Democrats controlled Congress, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday announced it was banning the sale of four brands of cigarettes marketed by tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds. FDA officials said the brands, introduced in recent years, raised public health-related concerns.

In particular, gimmicky menthol capsules embedded in filters made them potentially more appealing to young people. Smokers of one of the newly banned brands, Camel Crush Bold, can squeeze the filter to crush a capsule and release menthol vapor as they inhale the toxic tobacco smoke.

Other banned brands included Pall Mall Deep Set Recessed Filter, Pall Mall Deep Set Recessed Filter Menthol and Vantage Tech 13. Some had sweeteners, another lure for young smokers. The FDA found the new brands were not substantially equivalent to existing products. Retailers have a month to remove them from shelves. On Tuesday, Reynolds didn't respond.

Last month, the FDA issued letters warning the North Carolina parent company, Reynolds American Inc., about using the terms "natural" and "additive-free" on packaging for its American Spirit, Winston and Nat Sherman brands. Such designations might suggest to consumers that the cigarettes were less harmful than other brands. Smoking claims more than 400,000 lives annually.

This week's decision marked a significant advance in enforcing the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, which was signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2009, when Democrats held both houses of Congress. It's also the sort of action that, while not at the top of mind of most voters, clearly will be in play in the elections in 2016.

Matthew L. Myers, president of Tobacco Free Kids in Washington, noted in an interview with a Sacramento Bee editorial board member that the FDA commissioner under Republican President George W. Bush expressed doubts about the wisdom of imposing FDA regulations on tobacco. If Republicans win the White House in 2016 and maintain control of Congress, Myers predicted, "the day when aggressive action is taken ... would be gone."

We agree. The tobacco industry has spent \$31 million lobbying Congress since 2014, and another \$4 million more to influence federal elections in 2014, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive politics. Tobacco companies contribute far more money to Republicans than Democrats for a reason. Like any business, they expect a return on their investment.

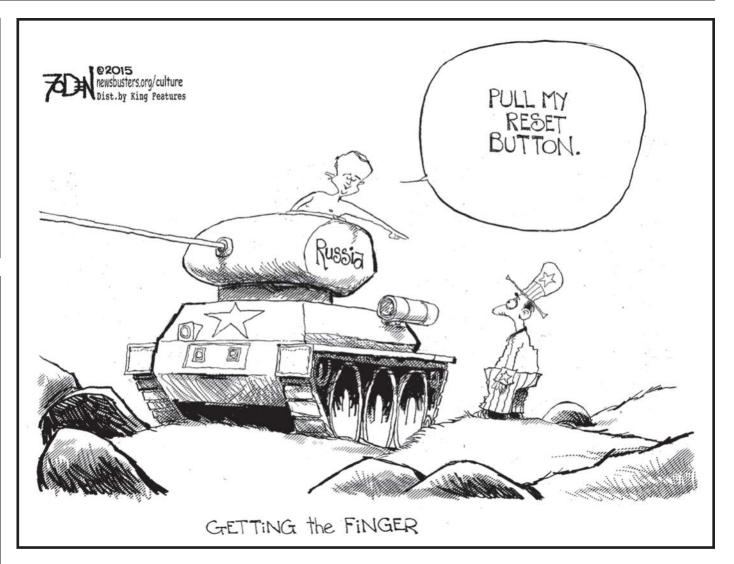
The FDA's action was aggressive and far-reaching. It's also the sort that might not happen much if Republicans sweep the elections next year.

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A tourist tragedy highlights the growing danger in Egypt

gyptian forces mistakenly killed 12 and wounded 10 members of a tourist party, including Mexicans and Egyptians, in the country's Western Desert on Sunday. The incident is bound to heighten criticism of Egypt's military and further hurt tourism.

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Jiu Yi Ba Mukden incident

big granite-like stone tablet is a massive structure in the Sept. 18 Museum in Shenyang to commemorate what is known outside Manchuria as the Mukden Incident (my students in 2010-14 never heard of "Mukden," the Manchu name for their city).

On Sept. 18, 1931, Japanese forces guarding the South Manchuria Railway station near Mukden—Japan's thrust into northeast China (Manchuria)—feigned a bomb attack blamed on China's nationalist forces to justify Japan's military invasion of Manchuria. Earlier that year, Chiang Kai-shek, Zhang Xue Liang (the marshal and air force aficionado dubbed "hero of history" of Liaoning), the Hui and Mongol Muslim Ma Fuxiang, all generals, convened to assert Chinese sovereignty over Japanese presence in Manchuria. It didn't work.

Let's deal with the geography and people. The Manchu, the last imperial ruler of China as the Qing Dynasty, were not Han. Han is the classic Chinese since Shi Huangdi of Qin united warring states to form China in 221 BC, centered in what was Chang'an, now Xi'an in Shaanxi Province west of Beijing. The Manchu, a northeast people, lived north of the Great Wall, outsiders of the realm. The Manchu Qing followed the Han Ming who completed the Great Wall so that Mongols like the Khans who earlier launched the Yuan Dynasty would not occur again.

Manchuria was open territory fought over by the Russian Empire of Tsar Nicolas II and the resurgent Japanese Empire after the Meiji restoration and its industrialization that emboldened expansionist Japan. Nippon considered its presence in Manchuria not as an invasion but as territorial rights along with the annexation of Korea, an area coveted by Russia as it was next to Siberia in the Far East.

The Battle of Mukden during the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-05 saw Russia and Japan bleed without victory; Japan's naval humiliation of Russia in the Tsushima Strait 1905 led to the Treaty of Portsmouth in Maine brokered by U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt that earned him a Nobel Peace Prize.

Japan's lease granted by China on the Manchuria Railway was considered to be of the same kind as China earlier inked with Russia, with full rights and privileges of free movement in the territory by Japanese forces guarding the railway. At the time, Japan experienced a subversive democratization of command called *Gekokujo* that tolerated lower command to take military initiatives acknowledged by higher ups when a goal is achieved. Not exactly insubordination but strict command top-down was taken lightly.

Manchuria came to our consciousness with the popular film *The Manchurian Candidate* released in '62 and considered then as a classic of the political thriller genre. It starred pensive Laurence Harvey, lightweight Frank Sinatra, and an intense Angela Lansbury in an Academy award-nominated performance. Filipino

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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soldiers fought on the U.S. side during the Korean War in 1950-53, and the tirade against the Communist in Philippine media was pro-Chiang and anti-Mao; the *Manchurian Candidate* got us to learn *Dong Bei's* locale and geography.

I've been past the Shenyang Museum many times, though I have yet to leave footprints on its threshold. One of the city's highlights, it is a schizophrenic dichotomy of China's copycat of things Japanese on one side and a profound hatred of the Japanese on the other. *Riben* is the formal name for Japan but *wukuo* is the generic term for a marauding bandit barbarian used to refer to the Japanese.

The Chinese utilizes Japanese technology in vehicles and electronics, widespread and frequent. Asked if they personally know or have a personal relationship to a Japanese and the answer is invariably negative. But asked how they feel about the Japanese and the response is one of hate, and deep.

The Sept. 18 *Jiu Yi Ba* museum sustains this hatred of the Japanese "invasion" of Manchuria, and though the Manchu was literally outside of China's boundary and had during the Qing's reign even limited Han's migration to Manchuria, like any other part of China the Han predominates culturally and administratively. While China recognizes ethnic minorities and five autonomous regions with other smaller units of governance defined by ethnicity, the Han from Central China predominates in all respect within the boundaries set by Chiang and affirmed by Mao.

Mandarin and its *Hanzi* characters are used in the Beijing area; it is the official tongue and script of the nation (the world's currently favored and highly marketable dialect). The Han reach out to 10 percent of its population giving them procreative prerogative of more than one child in China's one-child policy. Three friends who were native of Xinjiang from the same family worked on Saipan in the early 2000s. Their Shanghai-residing family was allowed more than the one-child restriction because of their ethnic identity.

Jiu Yi Ba is a relic of the past. New Nippongo lived in the shadows of uranium fission and plutonium fusion in August '45. China could give the *wukuo* term a rest.

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Venus and Subway

aipan's west side gets most of the attention, so here's one for the easterners: An alert reader sent an email asking about a dazzling bright object over the eastern horizon. It appeared about an hour before sunrise.

The reader suspected that it was a planet but didn't recall seeing such a thing before. So, what's going on?

Given Saipan's woes lately, it's tempting to hope that the light is a mother ship from Andromeda sent to rescue the worthy from their earthborn travails. I'm thinking first-class seats for the worthies who are kind to stray dogs, who finish their broccoli, and who don't bogart your last cigarette.

Alas, no such luck. It is, in fact, a planet. It's Venus.

Despite the dramatic sight, it doesn't get much buzz in the general media. But the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette carried an article about it on Sept. 8. Its coverage even included an illustration, so I've been one-upped yet again.

For reasons of cosmic, orbital peek-a-boo, Venus is looking freak-you-out bright about an hour before sunrise these days, and when it's close to the horizon the atmospherics turn it into quite a disco ball. In fact, it's dazzling enough to cause people to report it as a UFO.

By next summer the sun will overtake Venus as they race each other through the sky. Venus will then return to being a western, sundown object. And then life can get back to being boring again and we can settle back into our usual routines.

Oh, well. Hey, Buddy, can you spare a cig?

Reassessing a journey

nce we were young, even bold and reckless in some things we did hardly mindful of what lies ahead. But as we age it brings home a sense of humility, e.g., how fortunate we are getting out of government with a retirement check. Others behind you aren't so lucky.

Some 3,000 withdrew their retirement and forcibly relocated elsewhere over the last four-five years in search of greener pasture. It included folks from all three inhabited islands.

The NMI owes the retirement program some \$789 million in unfunded liability until the last member retires completely. This is how much we owe the system.

I bring this issue up for you to ponder upon. Beyond your job today, is there a guarantee you'd still be actively employed some 20-30 years from now? What if one of you suffers a stroke and turn into a paraplegic? Or what if a fatal cancer hits you or your spouse? Would a single income cover the family needs? The retirement program is history but then where does that leave you in terms of future security?

Think about possibilities beyond what you have today. It's always good to prepare in advance of actually struggling to stand up in a swirling fiscal sinkhole!

Family business: Beyond regular jobs, is there anything that you and your family could start as a small family business moving for-

A granduncle and his late wife started the smoke brisket business providing neighborhood stores with warm ready-to-eat brisket. It got too large; almost instantly it had to be aborted. But it was a good business, initially.

My granduncle was already beyond 70 when he started his venture. It was hard collecting firewood for this purpose. Wished, though, that his kids had picked it up. But it seems they wish to stare down opportunities by doing nothing about it.

Don't give up yet. Take a step back and look at what the community you live in needs like right here and now. Is the idea good enough to hatch into a small family business? Isn't it a good time to explore and discuss this among siblings? No one would be a millionaire but there would be something to lean on when bad times hit harder than usual. This is the whole idea!

Mistakes: Someone said we make mistakes everyday so why then would we be afraid to make them? Go ahead and make mis-

The Associated Press reports that Fred DeLuca, the co-founder of Subway, has passed away. He was 67.

I like Subway sandwiches, but I never gave any thought to the origins of the company. When I read the news about DeLuca, I noticed an intriguing figure that inspired me to look into the story a bit.

But first, some scale: Based on number of restaurants, this is the largest restaurant company in the world. The brand covers 44, 274 stores globally.

For example, the site lists Guam with 14 Subways, the NMI with three, the Marshall Islands with one. China, 518; Philippines, 27; Japan, 457; Taiwan, 129; Thailand, 63.

Venturing further afield? Afghanistan has two, Malta has six, Iceland has 23, and Zambia has eight. So Subway's got you covered from A-to-Z.

If I ever take a trip to Mars, I'm sure my first meal there will be a Cold Cut Combo.

Anyway, the news story about DeLuca mentions that Subway's roots run back 50 years. When I read that I thought, hey, just waita-minute here, you guys said that DeLuca was 67. Are you telling me that this global empire was launched by a mere 17-year-old? That's what intrigued me.

And that is, apparently, the way things went. As the story goes, DeLuca borrowed \$1,000 from a family friend and the two opened up a sandwich joint in Connecticut so DeLuca could earn money for college. Which brings us to the other co-founder, the family

takes. Return and refine decisions you've made even with mistakes.

It takes going through the entire nine yards to know you could do

it with or without a mistake! Magoo admonishes, "Go ahead and

The struggle to do better is a hallmark of successful people. It's

what defines them or their ability to make something better for their

fellow man. They could easily sit on the deck of the boat and work

on their projects with lots of fun. It's because the term struggle de-

fines them! It's part and whole of their everyday existence and liv-

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friend named Peter Buck. Buck sure didn't need any money for college, since he already held a Ph.D. in physics from Columbia.

Speaking of money, Forbes lists Buck's net worth at \$3.6 billion, and estimates DeLuca's at \$3.5 billion.

The name of their first restaurant wasn't Subway, and, in fact, it wasn't even a success. But they stuck with it and improved things, changed the name to Subway, and started selling franchises in

According to Entrepreneur magazine, all of the Subways are franchises; the total investment to start one is \$116,600 to \$263,150; the franchise fee is \$15,000; and it takes from eight to 10 employees to staff a franchise.

As for DeLuca, he shared his insights in a book, Start Small Finish Big: Fifteen Key Lessons to Start - and Run - Your Own Successful Business.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.

ment or set of rules doesn't allow for piecemeal payment nor does it allow for compassion in life-and-death situations.

I understand where the families were coming from, having dealt with long-term illness with a loved one for more than eight long years. Yes, I understand what happens beyond hospitals in Honolulu. It was never a vacation but a search for a hospital with a "good backup system" to handle issues after major surgery or procedures.

Indeed, there are other equally serious issues affecting our people but one dominant concern fills my day 24/7: health. It's on a steady roll of deterioration. This sector of the local government needs tons of money and special attention to develop it so it focuses on real healthcare issues of our people. I feel for doctors, nurses and ancillary staff who take the extra mile to make do with what we have at CHC. It's a fine hospital considering what the medical staff had to endure daily. Help out where you can volunteer!

Land and other fiscal debacle

ing! A struggle is fun!

mistake!"

Land claimants are owed money by the millions of dollars. The debt is about \$80 million to \$100 million. Could we meet this obligation anywhere within the realm of reality given the unsteady fiscal posture of the NMI in the near-term?

The current arrangement is to secure a negotiated agreement between land claimant and the Department of Public Land. This information is sent to the Legislature for settlement via an appropriation. The Legislature identifies the source of funds then appropriates it for final settlement of land claims. Is there a chance the Legislature could identify funds for this purpose realistically?

The system in place may be a functional one in the mid-'80s when the NMI had tons of money to spare. Not today! We can't even fork out \$30-plus million to settle debts with CUC. Furthermore, there's nothing but massive debts ahead!

Imagine the clogged fiscal arteries as other big-ticket items join the parade for timely payment, e.g., PSS and CHC. It would take forever to resolve this issue. Worse, we've got the young folks hooked on debts in the millions of dollars hailing from, yes, neg-

The only way out is to simply earmark interest earned by MPLT of some \$2.5 million per year with a sunset provision that it reverts to normalcy upon completion of clearing all outstanding land compensation issues. Otherwise, we'd be singing the same refrain for the next 70 years!

Difficult: The hardest issue on land compensation is a request by the family for some portion of what's owed them to handle medical issues with loved ones. I end up saying "no" because the arrange-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Improper

The deserving people of Tinian need to know the truth on why Tinian Dynasty is closing down business this September.

The people of Tinian want to know: who made the decision? Who voted yes? Who voted no? Who signed the notice? And who delivered the decision to the management of Tinian Dynasty?

The people of Tinian are diligently watching, observing, evaluating, waiting, and figuring out who is responsible within the Tinian Municipality government.

The closure of Tinian Dynasty was done in a very improper manner. The incurring collateral damages were never calculated before issuing the notice to close down Tinian Dynasty. The aftermath after the notice was delivered impacted those who were responsible to flee into isolation.

So far, only the mayor of Tinian has come out openly to defend the Tinian Dynasty from closing down.

As to the Tinian delegation, headed by Sen. Frank Borja, they have been watching on the sidelines all along, just to make sure that the mayor of Tinian is doing the right thing for the people of Tinian.

In 1989 the people of Tinian voted overwhelmingly to legalize casino on their island. This was the mandate of the people of Tinian. And this was the rule of the people of Tinian.

Martin M. Sakisat

Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

EDITORIAL

From Page 10

It is hard to conceive how tourists could be targeted for shelling by army aircraft, given the close attention Egypt's government has paid to their safety due to tourism's economic benefits. The convoy of four 4X4 vehicles, organized by an Egyptian hotel, had ventured into the desert. Survivors said that after the air attack, ground forces shot at them.

The Interior Ministry said a combined police and military force mistook the tourists for militants it had been pursuing through the desert.

Last Thursday, the Pentagon announced that the U.S. will be sending more troops to the Sinai Peninsula, which is occupied by Egypt. The United States already has 720 troops based there with the United Nations' Multinational Force and Observers mission; another 75 are being sent, accompanied by vehicles and weapons.

The problems of the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, Egypt's former field marshal, are threefold. In the Sinai, its forces are threatened by militias loyal to the Islamic State. In Egypt as a whole, the el-Sissi government is challenged by the now underground Muslim Brotherhood, whose leader, Mohamed Morsi, had been overthrown as Egypt's president in 2013 by the military. Finally, the violence prompted by opposition to the government has caused tourism to dry up, with serious damage to the economy.

The United States is concerned about security in the Sinai because it lies between Egypt and America's ally Israel. The wisdom of having hundreds of U.S. troops there, however, should be reconsidered as Egypt's situation deteriorates. The deaths of tourists only highlight the growing danger, and an increase in the U.S. military presence may not make sense.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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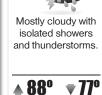
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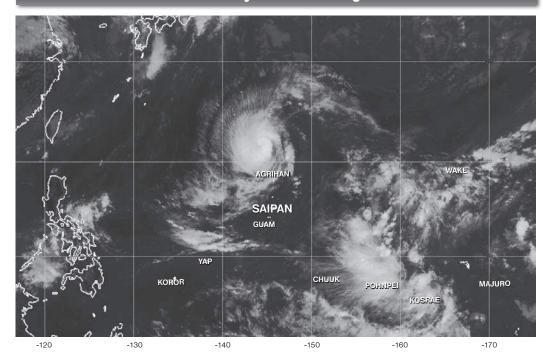
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Krovanh (20W) is about 400 miles north of Saipan and 150 miles north-northwest of Agrihan near 21N145E with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph moving northwest at 10 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are between 18N and 24N from 142E to 147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of Saipan are within 50 miles of a line from 16N141E to 16N137E and north of Yap within 50 Miles of a line 12N136E to 11N145E. For more information on Krovanh, refer to bulletins issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough runs southeastward from Typhoon Krovanh at 21N145E to a tropical disturbance centered northeast of Pohnpei at 8N161E then eastward to another disturbance near 10N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei and Kosrae states are within 150 miles of a line from 13N157E to 7N158E to 5N164E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Wake Island are between 15N and 21N from 157E to 172E and northeast of Majuro east of a line from 17N178E to 12N173E to 6N179E. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms along the equator south of 2N from 130E to 140E and south of a line from 1N148E to 3N166E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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September is Infant Awareness Month

The death of a baby before his or her first birthday is called Infant Mortality.

Unfortunately, 8 infants died during 2014 in the CNMI.

The loss of a baby remains a sad reality for many parents and takes a serious toll on the health and well-being of families.

Most of these babies die as a result of:

- Birth defects
- Maternal complications of pregnancy
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Injuries (e.g., suffocation)

Fortunately, there are steps many of us can do that may help reduce Infant Mortality. Steps include:

- Taking folic acid
- Getting regular physical activity
- Getting early and ongoing prenatal care starting in the first trimester
- Adopting safe sleeping practices for your baby such as putting him or her to sleep on his or her back and alone in a CRIB or PACK-N-PLAY.

For more information on Infant Mortality Rates for the CNMI or steps you can take to help prevent Infant Mortality, please call the Maternal & Child Health Bureau at 236-8715.









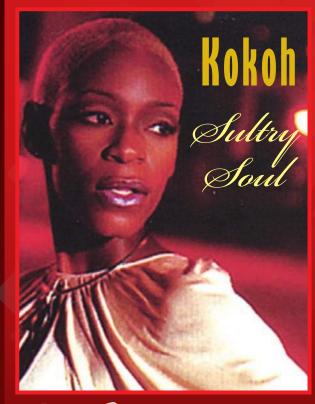
IT&E DONATES TO, ASSISTS TYPHOON RELIEF GROUPS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO IT&E has agreed to be a retail outlet for T-shirts produced by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation to raise \$150,000 for Project Ayudu. T-shirts are \$15 each and all funds go to assist those affected by the devastation cause by Typhoon Soudelor. From left, Natashia Tomokane, IT&E Marketing; Caroll Tarkong, IT&E CSR rep; Veronica Acosta, IT&E product manager; Maeghan Taivero, CNMI youth representative; John M. Compton, IT&E chief operating officer; Jessica Estrada, IT&E CSR rep; Brooke Hill, IT&E CSR rep; Janice Tenorio, IT&E Customer Service manager; Hans Mickelson, IT&E Sales & Marketing manager.

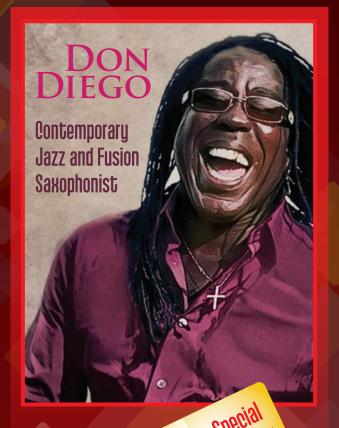


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From left, Velma Ann Palacios, IT&E head of network; Raymond Zapanta, Tan Holdings; Janice Tenorio, IT&E Customer Service manager; Jorge Soledad, IT&E IT manager; Jerry Tan, president of Tan Holdings; and Rose A. Soledad, IT&E CNMI general manager.



IT&E donates boxes of clothing to CORE Group for distribution to those in need. From left, Mami Ikeda, CORE member; Janice Tenorio, IT&E Customer Service manager; Hans Mickelson, IT&E Sales & Marketing manager; Patty Kaipat, CORE member; Natashia Tomokane, IT&E Marketing; and Veronica Acosta, IT&E product manager.

Humanities Council seeks volunteers for its board

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is looking for individuals who would like to serve on its board of directors.

The council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The council's board is composed of 13 volunteer members who serve three-year terms. The council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of the CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to Robert H. Hunter, chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at P.O. Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4pm on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015. For additional information, contact the council's executive director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www. northernmarianashumanities. org. **(PR)**

Kinpachi at 35: Arigato!

>> Giving back to the community for their continued support

>> 'Mini street market' fundraiser to benefit Soudelor survivors

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

In its 35 years of existence on island, Kinpachi Restaurant believes in two things that has made it last this long: luck and people.

Kinpachi's Misako Kamata said they were lucky that her father, the late Yoshio Kamata, started the business early on Sept. 15, 1980, and that tourists as well as locals just love Japa-

But she also believes that getting along with and understanding people, whether guests or employees, are important to one's business.

"Even if you have food, without the people you won't have a business," Kamata said.

Having lived on Saipan much longer than in Japan, this island is now home for Kamata, and its people have become her family. Which is why the instinct to help soon after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan came naturally for her.

"I learned a lot from the people living here. If I lived in Japan. I don't think I will be doing these things, how you helped each other, the people here. That's what I learned," Kamata said.

Although their restaurant also had a hard time operating after Typhoon Soudelor hit, Kamata, with the help of her employees, was still able to reach out and help the community.

Kinpachi has been providing meals to volunteers responding to relief efforts as well as to resi-

dents who need it most. About a thousand meals have already been served and they continue to serve meals to those with special needs at the Office on Aging.

"It was hard but I felt that people were suffering more. I knew I can do it anyway so we just helped," Kamata said.

"Kinpachi was one of the few restaurants that opened from the day after Soudelor, the first restaurant that started donating hot lunches to the people in need, and still doing it," CORE's Mami Ikeda said. "Their compassion to help the community is jaw-dropping and unbeatable. And all the kindest, most generous considerations, love and support they gave C.O.R.E. while we distribute their bento boxes, I just can't thank them enough. Yet, Kinpachi never stop giving, even on their anniversary."

Arigato!

Their outreach to the community doesn't stop there. Instead of holding a grand celebration for their 35th anniversary, Kinpachi will be holding a fundraiser to benefit Soudelor survivors.

"We thought of many ways to celebrate but because of this typhoon, we didn't feel like celebrating," Kamata said. "We'd like to share what we can and what we have."

On Saturday, Kinpachi will be having a mini street market-style fundraiser called "Arigato!" at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot from 11am to 2pm.

Special hot lunch, yakitori grills, taiyaki grills, as well as mochi will be served and all proceeds will go to the Community Outreach Recovery Efforts, which is doing direct relief efforts as well as medical outreaches on Saipan. There will also be free giveaways from 360 Restaurant and many more.

"Misako-san said they just wanted to thank the community that has been supporting them for 35 years and they don't want to make any money," CORE member Kazuyo Estrada said. "So Misako-san decided to give it to the CORE to purchase whatever stuff we need for the relief efforts."

"All the comprehensive recovery that we're doing, we're going to utilize that fund to continue those efforts." CORE member Glen Hunter said.

Aside from great food, there will also be performances from the Saipan Awaodori Team as well as other groups.

Kamata and the rest of the Kinpachi team as well as members of CORE are inviting the public to celebrate with the island's longest-running Japanese restaurant while helping the community recover from Soudelor.

"We hope that the community will support us. This is not for Kinpachi but for the members of our community who needs help," Kinpachi assistant manager Sonia Siwa said. (With Jayson Camacho)

SOUDELOR FUNDRAISER

For its 35th anniversary, Kinpachi will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday to benefit Soudelor survivors. It will be held at the Marianas Business Plaza parking lot from 11am to 2pm. Called "Arigato!" it will be a mini street market-style fundraiser that will feature special hot lunch, yakitori grills, taiyaki grills, as well as mocha. All proceeds will go to the Community Outreach Recovery Efforts.





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ARIGATO!

Fundraiser for Typhoon Soudelor Survivor

Through comprehensive outreach volunteer team C.O.R.E. (Community Outreach Recovery Effort), Kinpachi Restaurant have been providing close to a thousand hot lunches to the members of our community most affected by Super-Typhoon Soudelor. Their compassion to help those in need is extraordinary, they are now bringing buffet dinners directly to

long-term shelters. And in commemoration of the 35th Anniversary, they have decided to team up with C.O.R.E. for a fundraiser to help the recovery efforts even more.

The title "ARIGATO! (thank you!)" is where we all come from – Kinpachi giving back to the community for keeping them in business for

35 years, and celebrating all individuals, firms, and the governments coming together as one, to rebuild Saipan.

DATE: September 19, 2015 (Sat)

PLACE: Marianas Business Plaza Parking Lot (Susupe)

TIME : 11:00am - 2:00pm

FEATURES

Special Hotlunch (quantity limited), Yakitori Grills, Taiyaki Grills Mochi-Tsuki (rice cake pounding-@12pm & 1pm), Awadori Team performance, Free Giveaways by 360...and more!!

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to C.O.R.E. (Community Outreach Recovery Efforts) to be used for direct relief efforts for survivors of Typhoon Soudelor.

For Info & Updates, Please Contact: C.O.R.E. (670) 783-4204; coresaipan@gmail.com

Event Organized & Coordinated by: C.O.R.E. in coalition with Kinpachi Restaurant Special Thanks to: 360 Marianas Business Plaza - Erick Van Der Maas & Eden Guillo, Saipan Awadori Team, LJ Castro, Gordon Marciano, KKMP, Power99, James & Carol Fleming, and Team Exotic.



MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Wednesday September 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Giovanni's Private Room - Hyatt Regency Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Preliminary Matters
 - 1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes July 15, 2015
- 2) Public Comments
- 3) Committee Reports 1. Finance
 - 2. Personnel
- 4) Old Business Email Ratification
 - a. CNMI Sustainability/Feasibility Study and Market Research & Development - Contract Renewal Request
- Encumbrances and Dis-encumbrances for FY 2015
- 2. FY 2016 Expenditure Plan
- 3. Korea Ad Hoc TA FAM and Media FAM
- 4. Russia Asiana TA FAM Local Support Program Collaterals
- 6) Miscellaneous/Announcements 7) Executive Session
- 8) Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce Chair, MVA Board of Directors

Ex-convict allegedly punches, bites girlfriend

Denmar E. Malabanan, a 27-year-old ex-convict who was just sentenced in February to 17 days in prison for domestic violence, was arrested again in Chalan Kanoa on Wednesday, this time for allegedly punching and biting his current girlfriend.

Malabanan was arrested for

assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. A \$3,000 cash bail was imposed. Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 22 at 9am.

Police said it was the victim's father who reported the alleged beating to authorities on Wednesday. The father showed photos of her daughter's injuries

to the two responding officers.

The officers proceeded to Malabanan's house and arrested the suspect.

One officer saw that the alleged victim had a bruise on her left eye, a scratch mark on the forehead, a bruise or a bite mark on her left shoulder, and a bruise

on her left thigh.

The woman told police that her boyfriend, Malabanan, beat her up on Sunday during an argument. The alleged victim stated that Malabanan punched her repeatedly in the head and bit her on the shoulder as she tried to evade his punches.

She said she tried to go to a store to call her father on Tuesday night but Malabanan saw her.

Last February, Malabanan was slapped with a 17-day prison term after he pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace. He was given credit for 17 days of time served.

The case stemmed from an incident on June 23, 2013, when Malabanan grabbed a broom

from his then-girlfriend and broke it. He then grabbed the eyeglasses from her face and threw them out the door in the present of her son.

In 2007, Malabanan pleaded guilty to robbery. (Ferdie de la Torre)

New York opportunity for Pacific artisans

SUVA, Fiji—Cultural producers from Fiji, Samoa, and Solomon Islands now have a rare opportunity to showcase their Pacific talent and products at next year's Artisan Resources @ NYNOW Tradeshow in the United States.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat are inviting cultural enterprises in the crafts, visual arts, and fashion sectors from Fiji, Samoa, and Solomon Islands to apply for funded participation at the popular tradeshow, which attracted over 30,000 buyers from over 80 countries this year.

The trade mission opportunity is made possible with the support of the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific group of states through the "Enhancing the Pacific Cultural Industries: Fiji, Samoa and Solomon Islands" project.

The project is managed by SPC's Social Development Division in collaboration with PIFS, the Fiji Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, Samoa Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture and Solomon Islands Ministry of Culture and Tourism along with the Fiji Arts Council, Samoa Arts

Council and Solomon Islands Arts Alliance.

The trade mission is being implemented in partnership with ByHand Consulting, a U.S.-based consulting firm that is a key advisor to Artisan Resource.

ByHand recruits new exhibitors, assists with recruiting qualified US buyers, and conducts all training seminars for exhibitors and buyers.

The trade mission aims to develop the profile of Pacific cultural producers in the international market whilst also exposing the selected enterprises to international market trends, buyer demands and export distribution expectations.

Submissions containing a completed application form, product images and a price list, must be submitted to SPC's Social Development Division by Sept. 20, 2015.

The Artisan Resources @ NYNOW Tradeshow will take place in New York from Jan. 31 to Feb. 3, 2016.

More information on the tradeshow can be found at www. nynow.com/handmade/artisan-resource/.Applications and instruction can be obtained by emailing luisam@spc.int. (SPC)



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The seven newest U.S. citizens have their picture taken yesterday with, from left, front row, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Federal Emergency Management Agency federal coordinating officer Stephen DeBlasio Sr., U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, Immigration Services supervisory officer Lakeisha C. Lee, and Immigration Services officer Shelia Kelty.

Seven join the ranks of new US citizens

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie delatorre@saipantribune.com

Although she just took her oath as a U.S. citizen yesterday, businesswoman Linda Suk Ying Lam feels likes she has already been one after living on Saipan for 39 years.

"I don't feel I'm a foreigner," the Hong Kong-born 65-yearold Lam said.

Lam, who owns Modern Stationery in San Jose, was one of seven individuals who took their oath as U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony in federal court yesterday morning.

Lam first came to the island with her former husband in December 1976. At that time, her then-husband worked as general manager for Island Bottling Co. or Coca-Cola. In 1980, the couple set up Modern Stationery. They later put up other businesses, including some in Guam.

Lam disclosed that they sold their Ocean View Hotel in Garapan two years ago. She also closed the Modern Stationery branch in that building to concentrate on the San Jose branch.

"I am now semi-retired. I want to enjoy my life," she said.

Lam's only child, a son who is now 24 years old, was in the same class at Marianas Baptist Academy with the son of U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona and the son of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

Manglona, who administered the oath for Lam and the other new U.S. citizens yesterday, noted this at the ceremony, saying her son, Sablan's son, and Lam's son were classmates and best friends at MBA.

"We have this tie," said the beaming judge.

Sablan was also a guest at the ceremony.

Manglona said Lam's businesses have contributed a lot to the CNMI.

For Susan Belarmino Taitano, 59, taking the oath as a U.S. citizen means she can now exercise her right to vote, avail of benefits, and contribute to the community.

"I'm very happy because I am blessed, having a good husband and children," said Taitano.

She is married to retired Commonwealth Utilities Corp. shift supervisor Jesus L. Taitano, 69. They have two children, ages 23 and 21 years old.

Mrs. Taitano, a native of

Marinduque, Philippines, first came to Saipan in 1991 to work at the now defunct Sako Garment Factory. She met Taitano and they got married the following year.

Federal Emergency Management Agency federal coordinating officer Stephen De-Blasio Sr. served as the guest speaker at yesterday's naturalization ceremony.

DeBlasio said these new citizens have earned two privileges—the privilege of being a U.S. citizen and of being U.S. citizens of the CNMI.

"You, our newest citizens, chose to become U.S. citizens. You took the initiative and undertook the effort to become a citizen of the United States. For that, I commend you," he said.

With the new citizenship, DeBlasio said, comes access to the rights and benefits afforded all U.S. citizens such as the right to vote, eligibility for federal jobs, and the right to hold an elected office.

Like most privileges, he said, this one comes with responsibilities: allegiance to the U.S., support for the U.S. Constitution, and being an upstanding member of the community.

DeBlasio said in his line of work, he is called upon to lead the federal response to natural or man-made disasters.

"[But] no matter the size or magnitude, it is always the community that pulls together to help each other recover from a disaster, regardless of size. It is the community that is there before, during and after any disaster," he said.

DeBlasio said it is the whole community that comes together first to aid one another.

"It will be your responsibility to check in on your neighbors after a storm. It will be you who will be called on to look after your family, friends, and relatives. It will be you who will be responsible for helping your community recover," he said.

This is one of the country's greatest strengths, he said.

"When we work together to help each other, we all become better and stronger," he said.

The five other newest citizens are Lynie Villacanas Cabrera, Ma Vida Amor Beruelo Echaluse, Cheng Huang, Maria Corazon Baylon Pangelinan, and Danmar Alquetra Sanchez.

Immigration Services supervisory officer Lakeisha C. Lee presented the new citizens, who are mostly from the Philippines.





Mayor, treasurer dropped from TCGCC suit in individual capacities

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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The Superior Court granted Wednesday Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas' and municipal treasurer Charlene M. Lizama's motion to dismiss them in their individual capacities from a lawsuit filed by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission and some of its officials over the mayor's refusal to pay them the salaries that TCGCC had increased in December 2014.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ruled that the commission's constitutional due process right was not "clearly established" when the Mayor's Office halted the payment of additional salaries.

"Accordingly, the Mayor's

immunity defense," said Wiseman in his eight-page order.

The Mayor's Office, the judge pointed out, met its burden to show that the commission has not alleged a "clearly established" right on the face of its lawsuit.

"Having met this burden, the Mayor's Office does not need to show whether their act as alleged was legally reasonable," Wiseman said.

The judge is expected to issue a separate decision on other legal aspects of the case.

TCGCC, executive director Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita, and commission inspector Lisa-Marie B. Aguon are suing San Nicolas and Lizama for allegedly refusing to issue paychecks to them and other

Office is entitled to the qualified affected employees in the amounts certified by the commission.

> Instead, the Mayor's Office paid only the salary amount as allocated in the Budget Act.

> The plaintiffs, through counsels Robert J. O'Connor and Joseph E. Horey, asked the court to compel San Nicolas and Lizama to pay them and other affected employees their full salaries.

> TCGCC chair Mathew Masga, vice chair Bernadita Palacios, and commissioner Lydia Barcinas, through counsel Claire Kelleher-Smith, intervened in the lawsuit after the mayor asserted that their terms had already expired and that he would appoint three new commissioners.

The Mayor's Office then

filed a motion to dismiss.

At a hearing at the Tinian Superior Court last Sept. 1, attorneys Matthew T. Gregory and Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds appeared as counsels for San Nicolas, Lizama, and the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan, in their official capacities.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay appeared as counsel for San Nicolas and Lizama in their individual capacities.

In San Nicolas' and Lizama's motion to dismiss, they asserted the affirmative defense of qualified immunity against the commission's claim over violation of federal rights committed by persons acting under color of state law.

In his order, Wiseman said the Mayor's Office carries the fied immunity defense applies through a two-part inquiry.

First, Wiseman said, the pleading must not contain allegations when, taken as true, show that there was an actual violation of a constitutional right.

Second, the judge said, the right must not have been clearly established at the time of the alleged violation.

"Where the right is clearly established, then no reasongovernment-official able should have known that his or her acts violated the right in question," he said.

Wiseman said for the limited purpose of ruling on the motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim, the court finds that the salary increases in question were a constitutional-

burden to show that the quali- ly-protected property interest at this time.

> Therefore, he said, the Mayor's Office did not meet its burden to clearly show that a constitutional violation did not appear on the face of the complaint.

> In addressing the second step of the qualified immunity defense, Wiseman pointed out that even if the court finds that a constitutional right was violated, the qualified immunity defense still applies if the right was not "clearly established."

Wiseman is persuaded by the Mayor's Office's argument that, where there are conflicting authorities and no sufficient case law to guide the correct course of action, there is no "clearly established" right.



TCGCC counsel: Judge's decision is a clear victory for the commission

Control Commission filed a lawsuit against the mayor, the municipal treasurer and the Municipality of Tinian alleging that several local laws passed by the Tinian Legislative Delegation were unconstitutional and void because the Gaming Act, a popular initiative passed by a twothirds vote of the electorate. could not be amended by local legislation passed only by three Tinian senators and one Tinian representative.

The lawsuit also alleged that the mayor and treasurer, in refusing to pay raises given by the commission to its employees, without ever having a hearing and complying with due process, violated their constitutional rights to their property interest in those salaries.

The Gaming Commission sued the mayor and the treasurer in their official and individual capacities.

In a victory for the Gaming Commission, Judge David Wiseman found that "... [H]alting increased salary payments was a constitutional violation...The court finds that the salary increases in question were a constitutionally protected property

The judge's decision said, in part, that "The Casino Gaming Control Act ...provides that the commission may appoint it members and set its members' salaries... ("Persons appointed under this section shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as to remuneration and otherwise are not subject to the Commonwealth Civil Service System...")"

"The whole point of this portion of our lawsuit was that it was the commission which had the power to set its employees' salaries, not the Control Act. (PR)

The Tinian Casino Gaming local Tinian Legislative Delegation, so the mayor should have paid those salaries and not insisted on paying salaries listed in a local Budget Act. This decision supports that position," said TCGCC legal counsel Bob O'Connor.

> "This decision is a clear victory for the commission, he added.

While Wiseman's decision granted qualified immunity to the mayor and treasurer, dismissing them from the lawsuit in their individual capacities, the mayor and the treasurer were retained in the action as defendants in their official capacities. The Municipality of Tinian was not dismissed from the lawsuit either.

"The judge apparently thought that the mayor and the treasurer should remain in this lawsuit only in their official capacities, and that is fine with the commission. The commission put them into the action in their individual capacities so that they might ultimately, at the conclusion of the case, have some personal responsibility for the commission's attorney fees. The commission thought they should have to think twice in the future about violating the constitutional rights of the commission employees and think twice about their continuing interference in commission affairs. They remain in the lawsuit in their official capacities and will remain officially responsible for the outcome of this case, and that is enough for us," said O'Connor.

Wiseman has not yet ruled on the other pending motions concerning the constitutionality of the local laws passed by the Tinian Delegation purporting to amend the Gaming

Kilili donation supports medical outreach efforts

The Community Outreach Recovery Effort, more popularly known as C.O.R.E., thanked Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and his wife Andrea for donating critical medical supplies to support the group's outreach work with typhoon survivors in need of healthcare.

C.O.R.E. targets survivors who have difficulty obtaining medical care for any reason, including disability, financial hardship, or lack of insurance. The C.O.R.E. team includes trained nurses and outreach volunteers, many of whom are also part of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Medical Reserve Corps.

"Andrea and I saw firsthand the fine work of the C.O.R.E. volunteers when we visited the medical outreach clinic in Tanapag village and accompanied the nursing team on a home visit," Sablan said. "We asked Nurse Abbys how we could help them do more home visits, especially for people with disabilities, and she said what they needed was medical supplies."

C.O.R.E. volunteer and nurse Abbys Amante Mitchell prepared a "wish list" of items that nurse volunteers would require for their medical kits in order to do home visits. The Sablans delivered those items to the C.O.R.E. headquarters in Garapan days later, on Sept. 16.

C.O.R.E member Glen Hunter stated that they were "extremely thankful to Kilili and his wife for this huge personal donation. They have already given so much."

"It was amazing to have the congressman show up at the Mobile Clinic and actually accompany our volunteers on home visits," said Hunter. "There are still so many members of our community that have been living in substandard environments without power and water for weeks. These supplies will enable us to continue to address their medical needs through our comprehensive direct relief efforts."

The Sablans' donation includes blood pressure and glu-



Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, second from left, and his wife Andrea Sablan, left, donate medical supplies to CORE. Others in photo are, from left, Mami Ikeda, Yoshi Yagi, Patty Kaipat, Abbys Mitchell, and her son.

cose monitors, stethoscopes, pulse oximeters, hand sanitizers, latex gloves, wound dressing supplies, and other medical items valued altogether at \$862. Sablan also thanked PHI Pharmacy for providing the supplies at a discounted rate.

The donation comes just in time for the next medical outreach event scheduled tomorrow Sept. 19, at the Koblerville Youth Center, from 1pm to 5pm. The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Medical Reserve Corps, and C.O.R.E. have once again teamed up to stage a mobile clinic, and C.O.R.E. volunteers will be heading out to make home visits and coordinate transportation for those needing rides to the clinic.

This will be the third medical outreach serving typhoon survivors in three weeks. Mitchell says C.O.R.E. has conducted more than 30 home visits since the project launched on Sept. 6. Additionally, more than 150 survivors received medical care at mobile clinics in Tanapag and Chalan Kanoa on Sept. 6 and 12, respectively.

For more information about C.O.R.E. or to make a donation, email coresaipan@gmail.com or call 783-4204. (CORE)

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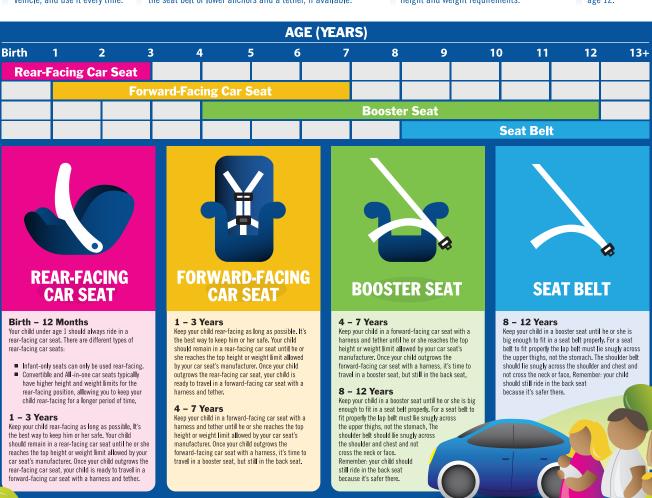
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No tsunami watch or warning

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center would like to inform the public that at 10:23am yesterday morning, CHST, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, there was an earthquake with preliminary magnitude of 8.3 on the Richter scale near the coast of Chile and recorded at the CNMI EOC office on Capital Hill, Saipan.

There is no tsunami watch or warning in effect for the entire CNMI as of this time. The CNMI Emergency Operations Center will continue to monitor the situation and will be issuing necessary bulletins as soon as it becomes available. Contact the CNMI Dispatch Center at 237-8000 for more information. (HSEM)

CNMI Judiciary operations schedule

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, through Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, will be 8am to 5pm.

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan for Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, will be 8am until noon.

On Rota and Tinian, business hours will be 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, through Friday, Sept. 25, 2015.

Changes to this schedule, and the Judiciary's schedule for the week beginning Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media. (NMI Judiciary)

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Saipan Young Professionals learn about hotel industry

As part of their tourism-themed month, the Saipan Young Professionals Committee recently got a behind-the-scenes tour of Hyatt Regency Saipan.

"This tour gave us the opportunity to understand how hotels operate following a natural disaster such as Typhoon Soudelor, as well as the steps they've taken to keep their hotel operation running smoothly and efficiently," said SYP chair Mable Ayuyu.

SYP members were given an inside look at the various departments within the hotel by F&B director (and SYP member) Ty Pauling and chef Zenn Tomokane. They learned about important key components to its daily operation including power generation and water distribution, as well as the foodordering process. In addition,



Saipan Young Professionals committee members tour the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

SYP members learned about the different elements of the Hyatt "experience" including front desk services, restaurants, guest

amenities and more.

"As a committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, it's critical that we understand the ad-

verse impact that natural disasters have on businesses that cater to a large customer base. It is a great learning experience for us to fully understand how large companies like Hyatt identify problems and proactively find ways to solve

them," said Ayuyu.

During the tour, committee members discussed the current challenges that the hotel industry faces including employee

turnover, high room occupancy rates, the increasing number of job applicants for a single position, and the impending expiration of government land leases

SYP members said their experience was both educational and

insightful. SYP member Michelle Villacrusis of MARPAC said: "It was great to go behind the scenes of Hyatt Regency and learn about the different aspects of the business. I saw how much work and team effort it takes to create the luxurious experience for all of their guests.'

SYP member Vivien Viernes added that the tour had a personal meaning to her. "Both of my parents actually work at the hotel and have been working there for more than 20 years, so the tour gave me a visual insight and a better understanding of the everyday challenges and difficulties they must face," said Viernes. "The most important

information I have garnered from the tour about the hotel industry was the dedication, not to mention long hours, every employee must present in their duties to assure that all guest experience is beyond satisfaction."

Ayuyu said the tour gave SYP members the opportunity to learn how hotels address emergency situations. "It allowed us to pinpoint what they've done to maintain the customer experience while dealing with situations beyond their control. Their experience has given us the opportunity to learn from them and to make smart choices for our own businesses or for the companies that we work for." (SCC)



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Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation of Attorney General's Office Phase | Building No. 2, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after <u>September 18, 2015</u> at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (IOC) on Capitol Hill.

 $Bidding\ procedures\ shall\ be\ in\ full\ compliance\ with\ the\ CNMI\ Procurement\ Regulations,\ dated\ May\ 24,\ 2011.$

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on September 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Dleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4.30 p.m., local time on October 2, 2015 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Dleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or of issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-15-IFB-011". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10-00 a.m. local time of October 9, 2015. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10-00 a.m. local time of October 9, 2015 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@plicon.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 9, 2015 and must be received no later than October 13, 2015. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time of October 13, 2015. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time on October 9, 2015.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers' check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasure as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check. "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds. Each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and A certification submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.; All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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World

Big quake rattles north Chile, sets off small tsunami waves

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—A major earthquake just offshore rattled Chileans, killing five people and shaking the Earth so strongly the tremor was felt in places across South America. Authorities worked into the early hours Thursday assessing damage in several coastal towns that saw flooding from small tsunami waves set off by the quake.

The magnitude-8.3 quake hit off northern Chile on Wednesday night, causing buildings to sway in the capital of Santiago and prompting authorities to issue a tsunami warning for the Andean nation's entire Pacific coast. People sought safety in the streets of inland cities, while others along the shore took to their cars to get to higher ground.

"Once again we must confront a powerful blow from nature," President Michelle Bachelet said in an address to the nation late Wednesday.

Authorities said early Thursday that five people had been killed and one person was listed as missing.

Bachelet urged people who evacuated from coastal areas to stay on high ground until authorities could fully evaluate the situation during the night. Officials said schools would be kept closed in most of the country Thursday.

Numerous aftershocks, including one at magnitude-7 and four above 6, shook the region after the initial earthquake—the strongest tremor since a powerful quake and tsunami killed hundreds in 2010 and leveled part of the city of Concepcion in south-central Chile.

Although officials cautioned it was too early to know for sure, it appeared Wednesday's quake had a much smaller impact than the 2010 tremor. If that turns out to be the case, it will be a sign that Chile's traditionally strong risk reduction measures and emergency planning had gotten better in the last five years.

"Earthquake impact is a little like real estate: what matters is location, location," said Susan Hough, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey. "But it is true that preparedness and risk reduction in Chile is ahead of that in much of the world, and that makes a difference."

The tremor was so strong that people in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the other side of the continent, reported feeling it. People in Peru and Brazil also reported feeling the shakes. No injuries were reported outside Chile.

Hungarian police clash with migrants at Serbian border

HORGOS, Serbia (AP)— Baton-wielding Hungarian riot police unleashed tear gas and water cannons against hundreds of migrants Wednesday after they broke through a razor-wire fence and tried to surge into the country from Serbia. Crying children fled the acrid smoke and dozens of people were injured in the chaos.

With their path blocked, hundreds of other asylum-seekers path to Western Europe through Croatia, where officials said 1,300 had arrived in a single day—a number that was sure to grow.

On the sealed border into Hungary, frustrated menmany of them war refugees from Syria and Iraq-hurled rocks and plastic water bottles at the helmeted riot police as they chanted "Open" Open!" in English. Children and women cried as the young men, their faces

toward the police through thick smoke from tear gas and tires set on fire by the crowd.

"We fled wars and violence and did not expect such brutality and inhumane treatment in Europe," shouted an Iraqi, Amir Hassan, his eyes red from tear gas and his hair and clothing soaked after being hit by blasts of water cannon spray.

"Shame on you, Hungarians," he shouted pointing in the direc-

policemen who were firing volleys of tear gas canisters directly into the crowd.

Around him, women screamed and wailed, covering their faces with scarves as they poured bottled water into their sobbing children's eyes to relieve the stinging. Children gasped from the gas; blood streamed down the face of one man as he ran from the melee, carrying a small child. People fainted from the noxious plumes of tear gas, including one woman who colTo our valuable customers,

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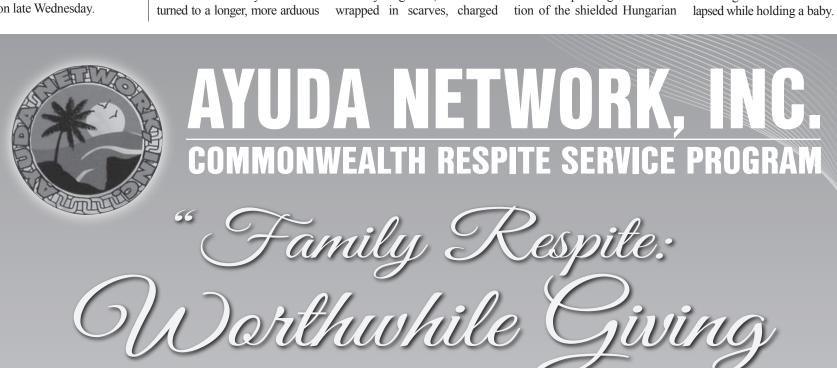
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family caregivers, private clinics, service providers and all interested individuals for a one day workshop on "Family Respite: Worthwhile Giving" on October 2nd, 2015 from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The purpose of the workshop is to provide information

The Commonwealth Respite Service Program, under the Ayuda Network, Inc. is inviting

for respite services from private and government agencies and availability of services for families with children and adults with developmental disabilities, primary caregivers of aging parents/relatives, and medically fragile individuals.

To register for the workshop, please call Ayuda Network, Inc. at 322-7469 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m at the Fiesta Resort & Spa. Registration deadline for this workshop is September 30th, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

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Off The Wall

Utah twins pregnant again with second set of twins

LINDON, Utah (AP)—Kerri Bunker and Kelli Wall know a thing or two about twins

The two women are identical twins who already each have one set of twins. Now, they are getting ready to each have a second set of twins next spring, KSL-TV reports.

"To have twins twice is incredible," Wall said.

The Lindon women both had their first set of fraternal twins after using in vitro fertilization after they struggled to get pregnant. This summer, both found out they are having twins again. They are both due two weeks



WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

- 1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
- 2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
- Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

- 1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
- Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
- For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

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- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

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title 38, United States Code) death or disability of

Category E:

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You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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apart next spring.

"It was like just one shock after another all summer long," said Bunker

It marked the latest sign that the two women are destined to live similar lives. They are both teachers at the same school, and they married best friends.

Their first sets of twins are similar in age, as well. Bunker's twins, Kole and Hallie, are 3-years-old. Wall's twins, Madison and McKell, are 4-years-old.

Bunker and Wall say they see similarities in how their twins interact and how they get along, including how they are protective of each other.

One difference between Bunker and Wall and their own twins

is that they probably won't have to worry about people not being able to distinguish between them. Since they are fraternal twins, they look more like siblings than identical twins.

Bunker and Wall, on the other hand, still get people confused. They said the principal at Timpanogos Academy where they teach couldn't tell them apart when they first started working there.

Bunker does know what it's like to have a single baby: she has a 2-year-old girl, Sadie, who was not a twin.

Wall considers it a blessing to

"Truthfully there's nothing better than having a best friend with you all the time," Wall said.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

New York grilled-cheese truck wins top street food award

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York grilled-cheese food truck whose proceeds go to help formerly incarcerated youths has won the top Vendy award for best street fare. The Street Vendor Project sponsors the annual event. It announced this year's Vendy Cup winner is Snowday, a truck specializing in grilled cheese sandwiches with a touch of maple syrup using ingredients from New York farms. The half-dozen Vendy categories include the People's Choice, which Snowday also won. Vendy's Rookie of the Year went to Coney Shack Tacos, Best Market Vendor to Home Frites, Best Dessert to Doughnuttery and Best Street Drink to Renegade Lemonade. More than 2,000 people gathered Saturday on Governors Island, where eight food experts voted. The Street Vendor Project at the Urban Justice Center provides advocacy and legal services to vendors.

Burglary suspects make poor getaway: police station

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP)—Audrug store burglary chose one of the worst possible places to make their getaway: the police station. Police say the men ran from the business, ending up at the back gate of the Roswell police station. Roswell police say an officer on patrol heard an alarm coming from the Wender and Roberts Pharmacy around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday. Police say the officer spotted three men wearing masks and gloves run from the business. One was taken into custody, but two others fled. Authorities say a police dog tracked the two fleeing suspects to the rear gate of the Roswell Police

Department, where both were apprehended.

Man thinks he and son poisoned by meth in hotel coffee maker

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP)—A Nebraska man believes he and his 2-year-old son were poisoned by a methamphetaminetainted coffee maker at an Omaha hotel. Travis and Amber Richard and their children spent Labor Day weekend in Omaha. He says he used the coffee maker and coffee package in their room on Sept. 6 and began to feel weird within 20 minutes of drinking the coffee. He says his son also took a sip and got sick on the drive back home to Pleasanton. Both sought medical treatment and are awaiting confirmation from tests. Omaha police are investigating the incident, but say theyt doubt the coffee maker was used to make meth. It's unclear whether a trace of the drug was left by someone using the coffee maker to hide meth.

Suspect returns to burglary scene for lost keys, cellphone

TWIN FALLS, Idaho (AP)— A man is charged with burglary after police say he returned to a Twin Falls, Idaho, home for thorities say two suspects in a his forgotten car keys and cellphone. The Times-News reports a woman called police when she found her home ransacked on Saturday, with a stranger's cellphone on the bed and a strange car parked behind the property. Police were at the scene when 22-year-old Caleb Shay Funke was dropped off near the vehicle. Officers say Funke told them he loaned the car to a friend and the keys got locked inside. Keys found inside the burglarized house unlocked and started the vehicle. Court documents say Funke acknowledged during an interview with police to being involved in at least two other burglaries Saturday.

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Science & Technology

Apple stakes new claim to living room, shows new iPhones

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple staked a new claim to the living room on Wednesday, as the maker of iPhones and other hand-held gadgets unveiled an Internet TV system that's designed as a beachhead for the tech giant's broader ambitions to deliver a wide range of information, games, music and video to the home.

CEO Tim Cook and other executives also showed off two new iPhone models, a plus-sized iPad with detachable keyboard and updated software for the Apple Watch during an exhaustive, two-hour event in San Francisco's Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

But it's the new Apple TV

system that some analysts point to as an important step for the company as Cook attempts to build a business that doesn't rely so heavily on the iPhone.

"Apple is laying the ground-work for a broader living-room strategy" said analyst Ben Bajarin from the research firm Creative Strategies. Apple wants to make the already-important TV screen into an essential hub for communication and entertainment, he said.

"TV plays a huge role in our lives and it occupies an important place in our homes," Cook said during his presentation. He added that Apple believes "the future of television is apps" that deliver streaming video, games and other services.

For now, however, the iPhone is still Apple's most important product. Sales of the iconic smartphone contributed more than two-thirds of the Cupertino, California, company's \$107

billion in revenue during the first half of 2015.

Apple announced Wednesday that it will sell two new iPhone models, dubbed the 6s and 6s Plus, starting Sept. 25. They're roughly the same size and will cost the same as the record-sell-

ing 6 and 6 Plus models introduced last year, which will now sell for \$100 less.

The new iPhones will have more memory and faster processors, along with a new 12 mega-pixel camera.

Perhaps the most noticeable

upgrade, however, is the addition of "3D Touch," a feature that uses added screen sensors to detect the difference between a light tap and extended finger pressure, triggering different menus and functions for apps made by Apple and outside developers.

Facebook ready to test button that goes beyond 'like'

Facebook may finally be getting a button that lets you quickly express something beyond a "like."

Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg said Tuesday that people have been asking for a "dislike" button on the social media site for years.

Speaking at an event at Facebook's Menlo Park, California, headquarters that was streamed live online, Zuckerberg acknowledged that "like" isn't

always appropriate for some posts—about a tragic news event, for example—when people might want to express empathy.

Zuckerberg said the company, however, has veered

away from making a "dislike" button, which could be used to vote down other people's posts. He said the new button is ready to be tested soon and could be rolled out broadly depending on how it does. (AP)

TECH Q&A

What to do when a PC won't recognize a flash drive

By STEVE ALEXANDER STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: My Dell XPS 8300 PC with Windows 7 doesn't "recognize" flash drives. It says the software drivers are not installed properly. What can I do?—Tim Murphy, Edina, Minn.

A: The problem can most likely be solved by downloading new Windows 7 software drivers from the flash drive manufacturer's website. Try that first.

If that doesn't work, there may be a problem with your PC. There have been several complaints about the USB ports on that particular model.

Here are some things you can try:

- Some models of the Dell XPS 8300 have USB ports on the top and the back. But, based on other users' experiences, the ports on the top of the PC can be a problem. Try using the other USB ports instead.
- Occasionally a flash drive won't work properly if you are using a USB hub, a sort of USB "extension cord" that connects to your PC's USB port and provides multiple plug-in slots for USB devices. If you're using the flash drives on a USB hub, try plugging them directly into one of the PC's USB ports instead.
- Try using the flash drives on a different computer. If they work on another PC with the new software drivers installed, there's a problem with one or more USB ports on your computer, which means you may want to take the PC to a repair shop or buy a new computer. If you want to know more about why USB ports fail, see tinyurl. com/o4mftyb.
- Q: After downloading Apple's iOS 8.4 operating system to my older iPad (first

generation or so), the iPad became almost unusable. Can I reverse the upgrade back to iOS 7, or will I have to buy a new iPad?—Christine O'Brien, Nipomo, Calif.

A: Apple won't permit you to do an online downgrade from iOS 8.4 to iOS 7. But, depending on the age of your iPad, it may not have been well-suited to iOS 7, either. Second- or third-generation iPads can only use iOS 7 or iOS 8 in limited ways (see tinyurl.com/7ftxrdn). First-generation iPads can't run either one. As a result, you may have to buy a new iPad. But first check with an Apple store to see if they can help you.

Q: When are we likely to see a substantial number of new Windows 10 laptops on the market?—John Pitrelli, Hollywood, Fla.

A: New PCs with Windows 10 preinstalled will be introduced between now and Christmas. Up to now, many retailers have offered unsold Windows 8.1 PCs with Windows 10 installed or available as an upgrade.

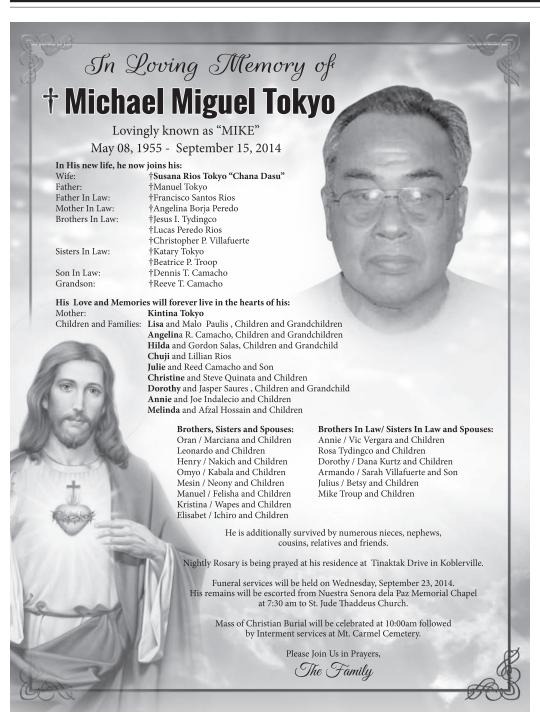
Q: I'm using Windows 7. If I don't upgrade to Windows 10, will I have to deal with Windows 7 eventually being phased out?—Kathleen Hourigan, Redding, Calif.

A: Yes, Windows 7 will be phased out, but there's no hurry about upgrading. Microsoft stopped enhancing Windows 7 but will provide free security updates until January 2020.

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Life & Style

Celebrities becoming the new media moguls

NEW YORK (AP)—Oreo by double-stuffed Oreo, Khloe Kardashian fills a glass jar in her kitchen with dozens of cookies carefully arranged in a pattern. It's a chore she does once a month to keep the goodies fresh.

For a subscription fee of \$2.99 a month, now there's an app that lets you watch. Khloe and her much-exposed sisters this week launched new apps and websites designed to give fans a further peek into their lives—and fatten their bank accounts in the process.

It's the latest example of celebrities involved in creating their own media outlets, diverse projects that go beyond connecting with fans on Instagram or Twitter. Celebrities like Ashton Kutcher, Gwyneth Paltrow and Derek Jeter have found them solid investments that give them tighter control over their images.

"It can be a good business," said Ken Doctor, founder of Newsonomics, a company that tracks digital development. "It can be a big business."

■ Paltrow's Goop website was launched in 2008. It has established itself as a digital player in the lifestyle area, offering shopping opportunities,

trend stories and recipes. This week on the site people can read a Q&A with an expert on ear piercing, discover romantic sites for proposals and learn about composting. The site recommends products and helps you shop for them. Users can also sign up for an email from Paltrow, delivered every Thursday.

■ Kutcher and two partners launched the site A Plus last year and raised more than \$3 million in funding in less than a year, according to Business Insider. It's a curated news site of "positive journalism" reflecting the interests of the actor, who was renowned in the early days of Twitter for all of his followers. On Wednesday, the site featured stories on a philanthropist who is funding math and science teachers in New York City and twin brothers from Poland reunited after 70 years apart.

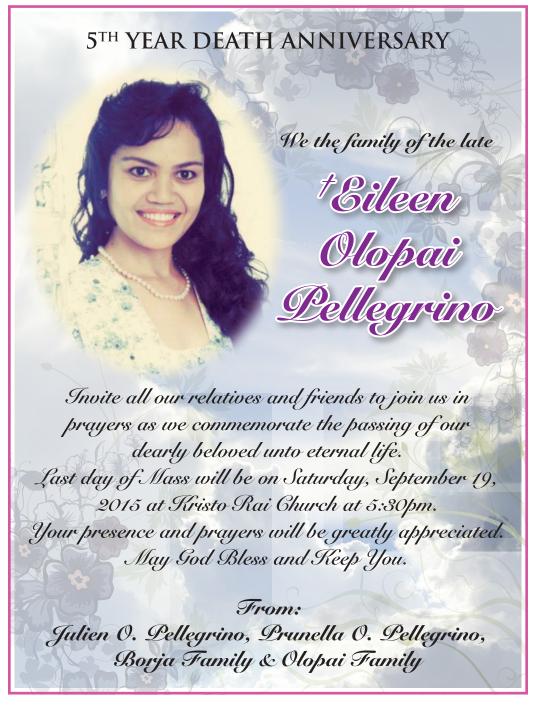
Legendarily private baseball star Jeter seemed the least likely person to start a media outlet after his retirement, but The Players' Tribune is in character. The site cuts out reporters to offer athletes the opportunity to address fans directly. New York Mets pitcher Matt Harvey took to Players' Tribune this month to address a controversy over how many innings he will pitch this season, his first after major arm surgery.

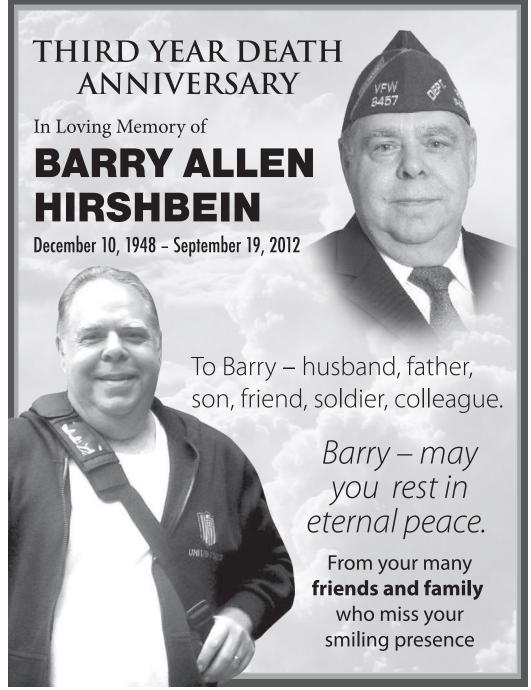
Actress Lena Dunham is promising to start a newsletter, Lenny, this fall with Jenni Konner, a writer who works with her on the HBO series "Girls." The Lenny website said "there's no such thing as too much information" and said it will feature talk on feminism, style, health and relationships. In a preview, Konner writes about her mother getting an abortion.

■ Jay Z curates Life + Times, an arts and culture website. Click on its home page Wednesday and you'll find articles on the DJ Rathchett Traxxx and the Web series "Money & Violence," and a link to Jay Z's video for "Glory."

Smart celebrities noticed when Arianna Huffington, a public figure but not very well known, started The Huffington Post in 2005 and saw it take off, Doctor said. Smarter celebrities noticed when AOL Inc. bought the site for \$315 million in 2011.

Media investors have expressed interest in celebrity projects, which means more are probably on the way, Doctor said.





Matt Damon apologizes for diversity comments

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Matt filmmaking that sparked wide-

Damon has apologized for com- spread backlash, after a portion ments regarding diversity in of a conversation from HBO's

Man overcomes disabilities, but not high school prejudice

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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EAR ABBY: Today was my high school reunion. I was the most notable student for all the wrong reasons. I was born with some birth defects and learning disabilities. I overcame them, but it was hard. While working blue-collar jobs, I lived in my car for a few years.

On a cold winter night several years ago, I met Dr. X in the emergency room. He was a former classmate of mine, and we pretended not to know one another. He discovered I was living in my car and heard some of my story. Then he arranged for me to be admitted to the hospital for a day so I could get warmed up and recover. When I left the hospital, I found a \$100 bill in the gas tank door of my van. I'm sure it was from him.

I now have a home of my own and I'm doing OK, considering everything. When I sent my reservation and check to the reunion committee, it was returned uncashed with a \$50 bill along with a note saying "Please don't come." The reunion was being held on the estate of Dr. X.

I guess my classmates are more closed-minded than I thought they would be. I was hoping age would mellow them. In addition to the reservation return, I have seen a few forwarded emails mocking my attempts to find out about the event. I hope none of those people were blessed with a child with learning or physical issues.

I guess people never change on some things. Thankfully, I have found nicer, caring people along my journey in life, and for that I'd like to thank all of the kind people in the world.

UNEXPECTED SUCCESS

DEAR UNEXPECTED SUCCESS: Your letter shocked me. I am glad to know how you are doing. Although people age, it's apparent that not all of them mature.

In case you haven't yet realized it, you weren't the only student in your class with problems. People who would behave as you have described were obviously born without a heart. It is inexcusable for you to have been treated the way you were. In recognition of the challenges you have overcome, you should have been the guest of honor at the reunion.

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing a man for 15 months. I know he has three sisters and a brother. All he has said is they are not close and he doesn't keep in touch with them. There are no cards at holiday time, no phone calls or any mention of any of them (there are nieces and nephews, too), and no explanation about why they don't talk.

Should I be concerned that he doesn't share any of this with me? He has been very involved with my entire family. but I have never met a single relative of his.

KEPT IN THE DARK IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR KEPT IN THE DARK: After 15 months of dating, you should be able to discuss this with him and get some honest answers. There are probably good reasons why this man and his family are estranged. They may have been abusive to him, or he may be the black sheep of the family. But you will never know unless you ask directly.

Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors - is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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ducer Effie Brown ("Dear White People") who made a case that a script dealing with sensitive subjects like prostitution should have a diverse directing team behind it. Damon responded that diversity should be handled in "the casting of the film, not in the casting of the show."

In a statement, Damon said he believes "deeply that there need to be more diverse filmmakers making movies." His comments, he said, were part of a broader the show. He also apologized for

conversation that did not make any offense caused, but is happy that it started a conversation.

Did Putin call Elton John? Singer says yes, Kremlin says no

LONDON (AP)—Elton John said Tuesday that Vladimir Putin phoned him after the musician requested a meeting to discuss Russia's anti-gay environment—but Putin's spokesman denied the report.

There was no immediate way to reconcile the differing accounts.

On Instagram, the British star said "thank-you to President Vladimir Putin for reaching out and speaking via telephone with me today. I look to forward to meeting with you face-to-face to discuss LGBT equality in Russia."

row, confirmed the content of the Instagram post Tuesday.

Last week John criticized Russia's law against gay "propaganda" and comments by Putin suggesting that gay people prey on children. He told the BBC he would "love to sit down with him" and try to change Putin's mind.

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Russian news agencies later Tuesday that Putin never called John.

"Putin did not have a conversation with Elton John,

John's publicist, Gary Far- and, what's more, we have not received any requests from him for a meeting," Peskov was quoted as saying.

Peskov added, however, that Putin would be willing to talk to the musician if he reaches out to him.

"The president has always been open to discuss human rights issues," he said. "The president, I'm sure, will be ready to meet with Elton John, too, if there is such a request."

John performed in the then-Soviet Union in 1979 and still regularly plays shows in Russia.



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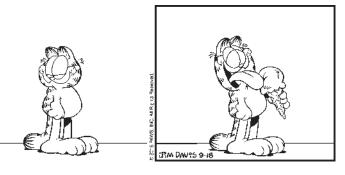
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason Sudeikis, 40; James Marsden, 42; Jada Pinkett Smith, 44; Aisha Tyler, 45.

Happy Birthday: Professional or educational decisions must be made based on what you want, not what someone else wants you to do. You will pick up information easily as long as you don't let others limit your progress and success. An offer someone makes you will be tempting, but isn't likely to live up to your expectations. Your numbers are 1, 7, 12, 20, 26, 34, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A contract, job offer or financial gain will come from an unusual source. Make personal changes that will enhance your career prospects. It's up to you to make things happen. Ask questions and offer solutions. Romance is highlighted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on forward motion and don't cling to the past. What isn't working for you can be resolved if you make changes at work or at home that will improve your situation. Children and seniors will be instrumental in your decisions. •••

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Domestic changes will lead you in a new direction. Stick to your plans and don't let anyone talk you into spending more than you can afford. A contractual problem is best dealt with swiftly. Choose intelligence over muscle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Opportunities to improve your domestic situation are apparent. Don't be afraid of change or what others do or say about the choices you make. Speak and act from the heart and make it your mission to put your own needs first. 00000

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll come up with or be made aware of interesting options that will improve your life. Put romance at the top of your list and make an effort to surprise someone you love. Added discipline will help you reach your goals. 😂

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Consider what's important to you and the people you care about, and do whatever it takes to maintain or improve the status quo. Talks with loved ones will help you make wise and thoughtful decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on doing whatever is required to improve your earning potential. Cutting your overhead will be difficult, but the freedom you will gain as a result will make it well worth your while. OOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Difficulties with personal relationships will be out of your control. Standing by and waiting to see what happens isn't easy, but as long as you show support and protect your interests as best you can, you will have nothing to worry about. 🛇 😂

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Read between the lines when it comes to what you are being told and what is actually happening. Don't rely on others or wait around for someone else to take charge. Focus on personal gains and going after what you

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your plans into motion. Refuse to let someone else make decisions for you. It's up to you to get the information you require to make decisions that will enhance your life or bring you the type of gains you desire. ����

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions will be difficult to control. Try to take a wait-and-see approach when dealing with personal relationships. Positive changes can be made, but before you initiate anything, make sure everyone is in favor. 😂

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep busy and you will accomplish more than you thought possible. A short trip will lead to knowledge that will help you finalize a deal or make an important decision. Preparation and a well-thought-out strategy will lead to success. 00000

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By Dave Green

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EMPLOYMENT

2Cook (Korean cuisine): \$6.05-\$7.00/ hr. College degree and at least 5 years' professional cooking experience in Korean cuisine required. Email resume to wing@hanmisaipan.com.

1 Waiter/Waitress: \$6.05/hr. At least 1 year's experience required. Email resume to chinayanbian@ hanmisaipan.com.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

Position: Saipan Commercial Loan Officer Full Time Employee

Duties:

- · Evaluates loan applications and documenta
- tion by confirming credit worthiness. Improves loan applications and documenta-tion by informing applicant of additional ments.
- Helps customers by answering questions; responding to requests.
 Assist applicants in filling out applications.
- Maintains customer confidence by keeping loan information confidential.
- Updates job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities; reading professional publications; maintaining personal networks; participating in professional organizations.
- Conducts site visits to borrowers and
- collateral as necessary. Accomplishes bank mission by completing related results as needed
- All other assigned task related to commercial lending in Saipan.

Skills and Qualifications:

Verbal and Written Communication Skills; High Level of Common Sense, Audit and Financial Skills, Proficiency in Word and Excel Software Customer Service, Thoroughness, Confidentiality, Analytical Ability, Les Professionalism, Quality Focus. Less Supervision

Hourly rate: Minimum of \$8.00 per hour depending on the candidate's qualification.

*Applicant must be willing to undergo training at Pohnpei, Micronesia for at least three months or as long as needed. Willing to travel or temporarily relocate to Pohnpei, if needed.

Interested applicants, kindly email resume to bcasaclang@bofsm.fm and/or bdecourt@bofsm.fm on or before September 30, 2015.

EMPLOYMENT

2 Waiter/Waitress: \$6.05/hr. At least 2 years' experience required. Email resume to wing@hanmisaipan.com.

2-Accountant/Bookkeeper. \$6.50/ hr. Interested applicants mail resume to Burger & Comer, P.C. PO Box 504053 Saipan, MP 96950

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Warehouse #3 - Size: 6,000sq/ft \$0.65 per sq/ft. Negotiable

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NOTICE OF MEETING NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS' REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:00a.m BOR Conference Room

AGENDA

- Call Meeting to Order (9:00a.m 9:40a.m)
 a. Roll Call

- a. Rel1Call
 b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
 c. Review and Adoption of Minutes
 1. May 22, 2015 Regular Meeting
 2. June 25, 2015 Special Meeting
 3. July 24, 2015 Regular Meeting
 Public Comment Period: Individuals may orally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is doscopted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes (9-40a.m 9:50a.m)
 Chairperson's Report
 Reports and Action from Standing Committees (9:50a.m—10:50a.m)
- III. Chairperson's Report

 IV. Reports and Action from Standing Committees (9:50a.m 10:50a.m)

 a. Fiscal Committee Report
 b. Program Committee Report
 c. Personnel Committee Report
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 1. Board Policy No. 2007 Naming Building Policy
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 3. Audit and Operations Review
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 IV. New Business (11:15a.m 12:40p.m)
 a. Smith Barney Report (Action Item)
 b. FY2016 Operations Budget (Action Item)
 c. Resolution No. 2013-01 153. Resolution (Action Item)
 d. Update of NIMC Facilities Post Typhono Soudefor
 e. Legal Review of NIMC Foundation
 f. NIMI Joint board meeting plan with BOR

 VII. NIMC Executive Reports (12:40p.m 2:00p.m)
 a. President's Report
 1. WASC Accreditation Update
 2. Chief Financial Officer Report

 VIII. Legislative Updates
 N. Board Meeting Assessment (2:00p.m 2:10p.m)
- Legislative Updates
 Board Meeting Assessment (2:00p.m 2:10p.m)
 Executive Session (I any time during the scheduled meeting
 of the Board of Regerits may be required to enter into executive
 ession to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
 a. Legal Matters
 b. Personnel Matters
- D. Personnel Matters
 C. Real Estate/On-Going Negotiations
 Upcoming Board Activities (2:10p.m = 3:30p.m)
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 b. Suggested 2015 Regular Meeting BOR Dates:
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September 15, 2015 Date

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 04-2015

Opening date: September 7, 2015

Closing date: September 21, 2015

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

- Position: (1) Mechanic-II (ARFF)
 - (1) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee (Tinian)
 - (1) Radio Operator/Weather Observer (Tinian)
 - (2) Custodial/ Maintenance-I (Rota)
 - (1) Secretary-II (Port of Saipan)

 - (1) AOA Controller-I (Saipan)
 - (1) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee (Rota)
 - (1) Tariff Technician-I (Port of Saipan)
 - (1) Tariff Technician-I (Rota)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building. Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office is no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2015.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above position shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For additional information, please contact the Ms. Addy C. Manahane, by email at acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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/s/MaryAnn Q. Lizama

Marianas Medical Center

is seeking for U.S. qualified workers for the following positions:

Radiology Technician

Associate's degree in Radiology from a school approved by the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners (CBNE), with two (2) years of relevant work experience as a Radiology Technician. Must have the ability to take, review, evaluate and operate X-Ray, Ultrasound, Mammogram and Echocardiogram equipment. Must be licensed under Health Care Professions Licensing Board as a Radiology Technician in the CNMI. Must have the ability to work proficiently in a fast paced clinical environment.

Office Manager

College graduate with a minimum of five (5) years related work experience, plus two (2) years supervisory/management experience in a clinic or hospital setting. Must be highly knowledgeable in CPT/ICD-9/ICD-10/HCPCS medical coding and medical billing. Working knowledge of the AdvancedMD medical software, plus proficiency using Microsoft Office applications. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, analytical and problem solving abilities, and the ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment.

Electrician Maintenance

High school diploma or GED, plus five (5) years of relevant work experience.

All positions close 5:00pm on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Applications are available at the Marianas Medical Center. Applications should include a resume and evidence of education degree(s) and professional licenses claimed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Testing may be required for some positions. Marianas Medical Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Strategic Gaming Solutions, Inc. has immediate opening for the following position

Administrative Accounting Clerk (1) Full Time

Position Summary: Operate computer program with accounting software to record, store, analyze information. Check figures, posting, document for correct entries, mathematical accuracies and proper coding. Classify, record, summarized numerical and financial date to compile and keep financial records, using journals and ledgers or computers. Debit, credit and to total accounts on computer spreadsheets and database, using specialized accounting software such as SAP (must be proficient). Operate 10 key calculators, typewriters and copier machines to perform calculation and procedure documents. Receive, record, cash checks and vouchers. Be familiar and comply to state, federal and company policies and procedures and regulations. Compile statistic, financial, accounting and auditing reports and tables pertaining to such matters as cash, receipt, receivable and profit and losses. Code documents according to company procedures. Reconcile or note and report discrepancies found in records. Knowledge of clerical, organizational and administrative procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files, records and office procedures and terminology. Good verbal and written communication skills. Knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, the financial markets, banking and the analysis and reporting of financial data.

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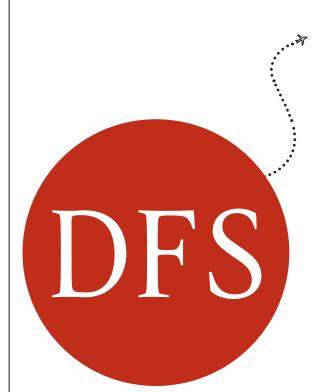
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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE/DITCH/ AND RESTRICTED AREA GRASS CUTTING) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-16

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals for perimeter fence/roadside/ditch and restricted area grass cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing continuous grounds maintenance services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The **proposal package will** be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 11, 2015, All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

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A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on September 25°, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective proposers may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-proposal conference.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Janitorial Services of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth

The Scope of Work entails providing janitorial services for a period of two (2) years for the Tower, the Base Building and its surroundings. The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 04, 2015. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for this project. Proposers shall also take to consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

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Favre, Owens, Faneca among 1st-year nominees

CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Brett Favre is back in the news—no, he's not attempting another comeback.

Favre was among the 108 modern-day nominees for the Pro Football Hall of Fame class of 2016 announced Wednesday night. The NFL's career leader in nearly every passing category when he retired af-

ter the 2010 season and winner of the 1997 Super Bowl with Green Bay, Favre leads a strong list of first-time nominees.

That group includes Terrell Owens, one of the league's most prolific and dynamic receivers for most of his 15 pro seasons, and Alan Faneca, an elite blocker who made six All-Pro teams at guard in his 13 seasons.

first-year-eligible Other nominees are safety Lawyer Milloy; running backs Brian Westbrook and Clinton Portis; place-kicker John Carney; and linebackers Keith Bulluck and Mike Vrabel.

Already nominated by the seniors committee are Ken Stabler and Dick Stanfel. The 2016 contributor candidate is former 49ers owner Edward DeBartolo, Jr.

The nominees consist of 93 players (51 on offense, 33 on defense, 9 from special teams) and 15 coaches. They will be trimmed to 25 semifinalists in November and, from there, to 15 finalists in January.

Voting will culminate Feb. 6, the night before the Super Bowl. While there is no set number for any class of enshrinees, the selection process bylaws provide that between

> four and eight new members will be selected.

Favre, of course, is the headliner. A three-time league MVP, he retired with 508 touchdown passes, 71,838 yards

186 victories. Of course, he temporarily retired twice late in his career, and finished up with Minnesota for two seasons following 16 in Green Bay and one with the Jets. He spent his rookie season as a backup in Atlanta before being dealt to the Packers, where he helped revitalize the franchise.

The polarizing Owens played for five franchises, making All-Pro five times. T.O. led the league in TD receptions three times, retiring with 153, and perhaps in feuds with his quarterbacks, many of whom he felt didn't target him enough.

Asked about aiming for the Hall of Fame, Owens told NFL Network:

"I still don't, never realized it, never a dream of mine," Owens said. "I never thought I would play beyond the collegiate level. Everything I did playing in the NFL, I look back and marvel at it. I am a very competitive person, once I get my mind on something, I go full-bore into it."

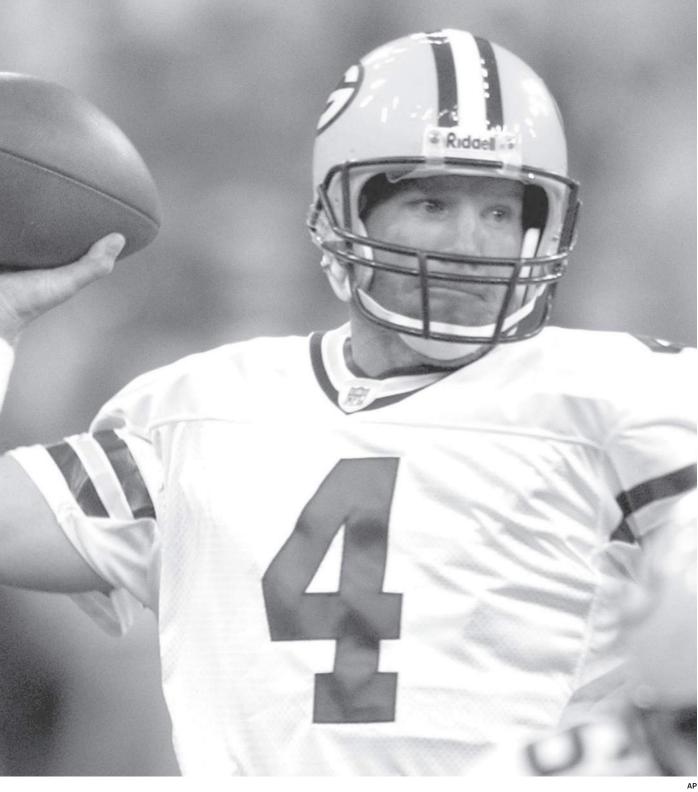
Faneca anchored Pittsburgh's offensive line for a decade, winning a Super Bowl.

the Jets and one for Arizona.

on the ballot are place-kicker Terrell Davis; linebacker-He also played two years for Morten Andersen; coaches defensive end Kevin Greene;

Don Coryell, Tony Dungy and wide receiver Marvin Harri-Finalists from 2015 who are Jimmy Johnson; running back

son; safety John Lynch; tackle Orlando Pace; and quarterback Kurt Warner.



In this Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004 file photo, Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Farve throws a pass in the first quarter against the Indianapolis Colts in Indianapolis

2 Patriots employees reinstated by NFL

FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

(AP)—The NFL said the New England Patriots can reinstate the two employees at the center of what a league investigation found was a scheme to use improperly inflated footballs in the AFC championship game.

Equipment assistant John Jastremski and officials locker room attendant Jim McNally were reinstated Wednesday after the team requested they be allowed to return.

"The Patriots have satisfied the league's requirements for reinstatement and the league has granted permission for the employees to return," the league said in a statement.

The NFL launched a months-long, multimillion dollar investigation after finding the footballs supplied by the Patriots for the AFC title game against Indianapolis were inflated below the league minimum. In one of the more damning pieces of evidence, McNally referred to himself as "the deflator."

In its report, the league said it was more probable than not that McNally and Jastremski "participated in a deliberate ef-

fort to release air from Patriots game balls after the balls were examined by the referee." The report also found that Brady "was at least generally aware" of the scheme.

The Patriots have insisted that neither they nor their employees did anything improper in the scandal that came to be known as "Deflategate." But NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell fined the Patriots \$1 million and took away two draft picks, including a firstrounder, and suspended Brady four games.

Brady's suspension was vacated by a federal judge, who ruled that it exceeded the penalty allowed by the collective bargaining agreement. The NFL has appealed.

The Patriots suspended Mc-Nally and Jastremski, and the league said they must apply before the two employees could be reinstated and could not return to their former responsibilities. The team confirmed last week that it had applied for reinstatement.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James would not elaborate on what role McNally and Jastremski would have for the team.

Bengals CB Adam 'Pacman' Jones fined \$35,000



CINCINNATI (AP)—Bengals cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was fined

\$35,000 by the NFL for his personal foul against Raiders receiver Amari Cooper during their opener on Sunday.

Jones got on top of Cooper, knocked off his helmet and slammed his head against it at the end of a play during the second quarter, drawing a penalty for unnecessary roughness. He wasn't ejected, and a scrum resulted after the play ended.

Jones said Wednesday that he's going to appeal the fine.

"Everything will work itself out," Jones said. "I'm going to appeal things. It's way too much - \$35,000 is a lot of money for a guy out playing football."

The NFL won't publicly confirm fines until Friday.

Bengals coach Marvin Lewis chastised Jones on the sideline after the play. The Bengals won the game 33-13.

Lewis talked to his players about on-field conduct again on Monday. Safety George Iloka also drew a penalty for taunting during the game.

Raiders coach Jack Del Rio declined to discuss Jones' conduct after the game, waiting until he had a chance to see the video. On Monday, Del Rio said Jones' conduct was "clearly way over the line."

"I really don't understand how that was missed, and we'll certainly report that and inquire as to how something like that could be missed," Del Rio said, referring to Jones avoiding an ejection.

"There seemed to be enough not hurting my team, I'm cool. eyes on the situation. It was I know the difference between right there at the end of the playing smart and reckless and play and clearly a part of the playing smart, reckless and doend of the play."

Jones had a history of sus- that won't happen again.' pensions before he revived his career with the Bengals. He has moved up from the No. 3 cornerback to starting across from Dre Kirkpatrick this season.

"Everybody is trying to make something way bigger than what it is, but it's always going to be magnified when I do it, too," Jones said. "I'm prepared for it. I've got thick skin. I'll be through this."

Jones acknowledged that he should have controlled his temper better.

"I'm not going to change the way I play for nobody," Jones said. "So as long as it's ing dumb things, so hopefully

The Bengals host the San Diego Chargers (1-0) on Sunday, looking to stop Philip Rivers. He completed a clubrecord 20 consecutive passes while closing out a 33-28 win over the Lions on Sunday, four completions shy of the NFL record.

Rivers is 3-3 against the Bengals. He led the Chargers to a 27-10 win in an opening round playoff game at Paul Brown Stadium during the 2013 season.

"It's a new team," Jones said. "They have a whole new line. They have two new backs. It's going to be interesting."

Texas has 5 HRs in 14-3 win over Astros, stretches West lead



hit two of Texas' season-high five homers and drove in five runs in the leading Rangers' 14-3 victory over the Houston Astros in Major League Baseball on Wednesday.

After taking over first place with a 6-5 victory Tuesday night, Texas increased its advantage over Houston in the American League West division to 1 1/2 games going into the series finale on Thursday.

Fielder's RBI single in the first put the Rangers ahead to stay. The slugger pulled both of his homers into the second deck in right field, leading off the third and then capping an 11-pitch at-bat in the sixth with a three-run shot that made it 12-1.

Mike Napoli, Rougned Odor and Bobby Wilson also homered to help Texas win its third straight game in the series.

Martin Perez (3-5) gave up one run over seven innings while allowing 10 base runners—nine hits and a walk. The left-hander struck out three. Dallas Keuchel (17-8) was the loser.

Giants 5, Reds 3

In San Francisco, Giants pitcher Jake Peavy homered through the low-hovering mist for his first long ball in more than nine years, leading San Francisco past Cincinnati.

Peavy struck out eight in sixplus innings on the mound and connected for his third career home run in the fourth against reliever Collin Balester. It was Peavy's first since July 26, 2006, at Dodger Stadium with the Padres.

That gave Giants pitchers nine home runs this season, the most since hitting 10 in 1934. The 1924 team also had nine.

Peavy (7-6) became the fifth San Francisco pitcher to go deep this season, matching an MLB record. Everyone in the rotation with at least 16 starts aside from rookie Chris Heston has homered, and Madison Bumgarner has five.

San Francisco remained 7 1/2 games behind NL West-leading Los Angeles and 7 1/2 back of the Cubs for the second playoff wild card.

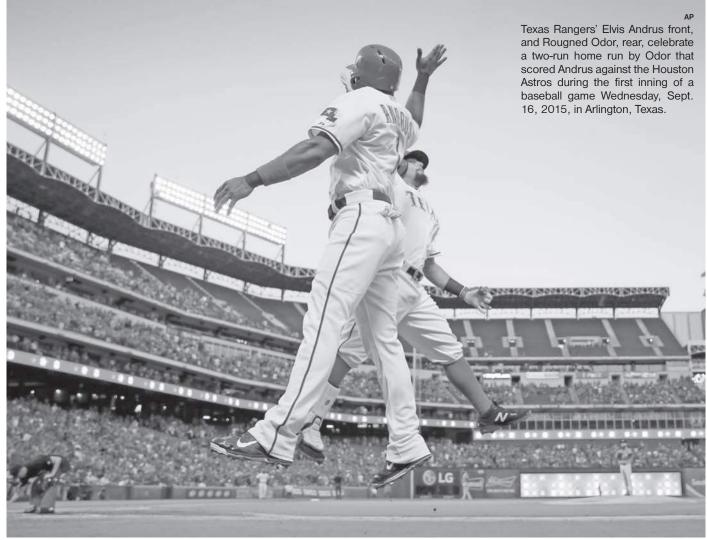
Blue Jays 9, Braves 1

In Atlanta, David Price allowed one run in seven innings and Russell Martin hit a homer and drove in four runs as Toronto beat Shelby Miller and Atlanta to protect its AL East division lead.

Price (16-5) gave up six hits and had nine strikeouts. He improved to 7-1 since coming to Toronto in a trade with Detroit, and lowered his ERA to 2.42.

The Blue Jays stayed three games ahead of second-place New York.

Toronto had 12 hits as it returned to its customary high-



scoring pace after managing only a combined two runs in two straight losses. Martin hit a two-run double in the four-run first and added a two-run homer off Ryan Kelly in the ninth.

Miller (5-15) didn't make it through the fourth inning. He is winless in 22 straight starts, the longest streak for any pitcher in a season he was an All-Star. The right-hander has lost 14 consecutive decisions since his last win on May 17.

Yankees 3, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida, prized rookie Luis Severino rebounded from his worst start and Greg Bird homered and drove in two runs as New York beat Tampa Bay.

Severino (4-3) allowed one run and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. The right-hander gave up a career-high six earned runs over 2 1-3 innings in an 11-5 loss Friday to Toronto.

After Bird had a second-inning RBI double, Chase Headley put the Yankees up 2-0 with a run-scoring single in the sixth. Bird, also a rookie, made it 3-1 on his ninth-inning shot.

Justin Wilson, Dellin Betances and Andrew Miller, who pitched the ninth for his 34th save, combined for 3 1-3 scoreless innings for New York.

Chris Archer (12-12) was the loser

Cubs 3, Pirates 2, 12 innings

In Pittsburgh, pinch-runner Quintin Berry raced home on Anthony Rizzo's sacrifice fly in the top of the 12th inning, and Chicago slipped by Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh rallied to tie it in the eighth against Jake Arrieta,

spoiling his bid to become the first 20-game winner in MLB this season. Arrieta allowed two runs, one earned, and six hits, but failed to pick up a win for the first time since Aug. 4.

Chris Denorfia singled off Vance Worley (4-6) to start the 12th, and was replaced by Berry, who advanced to second on a wild pitch and third on Austin Jackson's single. Starling Marte tracked down Rizzo's sinking liner to left field but had no shot at Berry.

Hector Rondon (6-4) worked two innings to help Chicago pull within three games of the Pirates for the top spot in the National League playoff wild-card race.

Marlins 6, Mets 0

In New York, Adam Conley slowed New York's pursuit of the National League East title with a career-high seven innings for streaking Miami.

Facing a makeshift lineup of all right-handers, Conley (4-1) allowed three hits and struck out six as Miami beat New York for a second straight night to secure its fifth straight series win — matching a franchise record set in 2003 for most consecutive series won in one season.

Martin Prado and J.T. Realmuto homered off Bartolo Colon (14-12).

New York's lead over Washington was cut to 7 1/2 games.

Nationals 12, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Jayson Werth hit two homers, Bryce Harper also went deep and Gio Gonzalez tied his career high with 12 strikeouts in Washington's victory over Philadelphia.

Werth and Harper each had four home runs in the three-

game sweep that extended the Nationals' winning streak to four. Gonzalez (11-7) allowed two runs on five hits with a pair of walks in seven innings.

Philadelphia. The Phillies have dropped seven of 10. Alec Asher (0-4) was tagged

Darin Ruf homered for

Alec Asher (0-4) was tagged for four runs on seven hits in five innings.

Dodgers 2, Rockies 0

In Los Angeles, Alex Wood pitched one-hit ball for eight innings on only 78 pitches and retired his last 19 batters, leading Los Angeles past Colorado.

Wood (10-11) struck out five and walked none in the game tha took just 2 hours, 8 minutes. Kyle Parker's clean two-out single to right-center field in the second was the only hit against the 24-year-old left-hander, whose only complete game in 64 MLB starts was on April 17, 2014, when he pitched eight innings in a 1-0 loss at Philadelphia while with the Atlanta Braves.

A.J. Ellis homered and rookie Corey Seager had an RBI single for the Dodgers, the winner of 17 of their last 22 games. Jorge De La Rosa (9-7) went the distance, allowing six hits over eight innings with five strikeouts and a walk.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Tommy Pham homered twice and tripled, Matt Carpenter added a solo shot and Jaime Garcia went 6 1-3 innings in St. Louis' 5-4 victory over Milwaukee.

Pham's two-run shots came in the second and the fourth off Wily Peralta (5-9).

Carpenter led off the third

with his 22nd home run and 74th RBI of the season, both team highs.

Jaime Garcia (9-5) won for the third time in his last four starts and improved to 6-1 in nine starts since Aug. 1, helping the Cardinals go 8-1 over that span

Trevor Rosenthal struck out the side in the ninth for his 45th save.

Tigers 7, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Ian Kinsler's two-out RBI single preceded a two-run homer by J.D. Martinez in the top of the 12th inning, pushing Detroit past Minnesota in a back-and-forth game.

With scant fans left from the crowd of 22,509, Martinez's 37th home run off Brian Duensing (4-1) landed with a loud clang on the metal bleachers in lower left field that punctuated a tough loss for the postseason-chasing Twins. They stayed 1 1/2 games behind Houston for the second American League wild card spot, after the Astros lost to Texas.

Ian Krol (2-3), the ninth Tigers pitcher, got the last nine outs for the victory while allowing only one walk. He stranded the two runners he inherited with no outs in the 10th.

Red Sox 10, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Dustin Pedroia homered twice and had a season-high five RBIs to back a dominant pitching performance by rookie Henry Owens in Boston's victory over Baltimore.

David Ortiz also went deep for the last-place Red Sox, his 35th homer of the season and 501st overall.

Owens (3-2) gave up six hits

over 7 2-3 shutout innings. The 23-year-old lefty struck out four, walked none and reduced his ERA from 5.25 to 4.33.

Pedroia hit a two-run drive off Mike Wright (2-5) in the third and a three-run shot against Jorge Rondon in the fourth to stake Boston to a 9-0 lead.

Indians 5, Royals 1

In Cleveland, Francisco Lindor was 3 for 4 with a home run and four RBIs to lead Cleveland past Kansas City.

Lindor had a solo homer in the first for his 100th hit since being called up from baseball's minor leagues on June 14, added a two-run single in the second and an RBI single in the fourth.

Danny Salazar (13-8) took a three-hit shutout into the seventh before Mike Moustakas started the inning with a home run. The right-hander allowed one run and struck out six in seven innings.

Danny Duffy (7-8) allowed four runs in 2 1-3 innings for the Royals. They have dropped nine of 12.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Matt Kemp hit a three-run homer to back Andrew Cashner and San Diego beat Arizona.

Cashner (6-15) allowed seven hits and three runs, striking out six and walking two in seven innings. He had lost 13 of his previous 17 decisions since April 24.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a solo homer off Cashner in the sixth to cut the Padres' lead to 4-3. Craig Kimbrell got the final four outs for his 37th save.

Robbie Ray (4-12) was the loser.

Mariners 3, Angels 1

In Seattle, Jesus Montero continued to get the best of Los Angeles' Jered Weaver, hitting a three-run homer to help Seattle hand the Angels their third loss in four games.

Montero hit a line drive into the bullpen in left field with two outs in the fourth inning. He has five career homers and six hits overall against Weaver (7-11).

Hisashi Iwakuma (8-4) allowed one run and struck out a season-high nine in six strong innings.

David Murphy homered for the second straight game for the Angels.

White Sox 9, Athletics 4

In Chicago, Mike Olt hit a tworun homer and Melky Cabrera had a two-run double in a sixrun fourth inning to help Chicago beat Oakland.

Jose Abreu hit his 29th home run, and Carlos Sanchez also connected for the White Sox. Erik Johnson (2-0) gave up three runs and six hits over six innings.

Oakland starter Cody Martin (2-5) was the loser.

By JON PEREZ

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Jonny's Bar & Grill in Garapan is hosting two events by the Saipan Electronic Darts Association and the Saipan Billiards Association every Wednesday at 7pm.

Boom "Bang" Cruz and Ray Matsunaga swept their way to top the double-elimination round darts and billiards tournaments. Both went undeafeated.

Cruz, who had a first round bye, opened his bid with a win

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over Alfred Muna then followed it up with victories over K.J. Villagomez and Erwin Clavecillas, who had to beat Jun Santos in the loser's bracket.

Cruz downed Clavecillas to make it two in a row against his finals opponent to clinch the \$70 top prize with a trophy and SEDA shirt. Clavecillas settled for the \$40 runner-up purse.

October Ace, next month.

join their golf association.

The MGA said that they are

still accepting new members

and is encouraging everyone to

years ago and now has 30 active

members made up of young and

senior, rookies and veterans,

and men and women CNMI res-

The group, recently, also

made a donation of \$500 to

join other local organizations in

a fundraising drive for school

supplies by public elementary

Joey Dela Cruz (vice presi-

dent), James Benavente (trea-

surer), Chandler DeLoatch

(tournament director), and Jerry

Ayuyu (handicap chairman)

join Atalig and Geri Dela Cruz

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gmail.com or visit their group's

Facebook page at facebook.

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For more information, call

school students.

as officers of MGA.

idents who enjoy playing golf.

MGA was established three



One-day darts tournament champion Boom Cruz, left, and Erwin Clavecillas pose for a photo after their final match last Wednesday.

It was the same scenario in billiards with Matsunaga besting Boyet Sequioco in the finals after also beating him in the third round.

Matsunaga also scored wins over Joseph Achas and Rey Pinangay, while Sequioco defeated Nolan Cultura and Warlee Ellama before dropping to the loser's bracket with the third round loss.

Sequioco had to beat Nolan Cultura in the loser's bracket in order to arrange a finals showdown with Matsunaga, who went home with \$50 and a trophy. Sequioco won \$30 and an

power is not yet fully restored. Almost all of the island's

power lines were downed when Typhoon Soudelor passed by Saipan. Power has not yet been fully restored on the island for 47 days now.

Electricity is slowly being

Power Authority.

Ray Matsunaga lines up a shot in his finals match against Boyet Sequi-

oco in the billiards event organized by the Saipan Billiards Association.

"We want the darts and billiards players to continue playing but we could not start with the respective new seasons since other bars have still no electricity," said Ellama.

The one-day, double-elimination round weekly events are both organized by Pacific Amusement Inc. in cooperation with MAR-PAC, Budweiser, and Bud Light.

MGA holds monthly ace tomorrow Marianas ly tournaments, September and



Golf Association resumes its hunt for the August Ace of the Month to-

morrow, Sept. 19, with registration starting at 9am and tee time an hour after at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

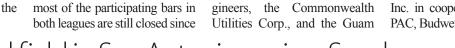
The MGA August Ace was set last month but the 30-member strong group cancelled the event after several of Saipan's golf courses suffered some damage following Typhoon Soudelor's destructive winds.

MGA president J.J. Atalig is encouraging all of their members and at the same time reminding all Ace of the Month winners to come and participate in their weekend event.

Harry Nakamura (January), Calvin Yamagishi (February), Jess Seman (March), Martin Naputi (April), Jenny Hegland (May), Chandler DeLoatch (June), and Jay Muna (July) are the Ace of the Month winners.

MGA secretary Geri Dela Cruz said that despite being behind in holding the August Ace, they believe that they can squeeze in and hold two month-

SBA shirt. SEDA and SBA secretary restored with the combined ef-Warlee Ellama said they decided to hold the two events since forts of the Army Corps of En-



18 make initial field in San Antonio caging; Sunday meeting set



Eighteen teams have made the initial list of participants in the inaugural

Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League that is scheduled to kick off at the San Antonio court next month.

League coordinator Boy Garcia said of the 18 teams, eight are entered in the open division, six in the masters (40-andabove), and four in the U18 di-

Blue Haus, which has ruled several Masters leagues on island, leads the cast of the 40-and-above division and will be joined by GPPC, Pacific Islands Club, and teams organized by brothers Ariel and Benjie Abadilla and Jerry Lopez.

GPPC also has a team in the open division and will battle Beyond Limits, KB Market, and Five Star and the squads led by Cesar Barrozo and Donnel

Isip. The names of the two other teams in the open division have yet to be selected, while only Beyond Limits and Angel's Bake have named their respective squad in the U18 age group.

The league is still accepting teams and interested ones are requested to attend a meeting this Sunday at 5:30pm at the San Antonio court. Registration, team rosters, tournament ground rules, and details about the opening will be discussed at

the meeting.

The inaugural caging is set to kick off tentatively on Oct. 3 with matches to be played three times a week of every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Games per playing day will be determined by the number of teams in each division. The league is targeting eight squads per category.

For more information, contact Garcia at 989-5473. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

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Baltimore	71	74	.490	12					
Tampa Bay	70	75	.483	13					
Boston	69	76	.476	14					
Central Division									
Kansas City	85	60	.586	_					
Minnesota	75	70	.517	10					

West Division

Cleveland

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Los Angeles	73	72	.503	5
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Philadelphia	56	91	.381	271/2
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St. Louis	91	54	.628	_
Pittsburgh	87	58	.600	4
Chicago	84	61	.579	7
Milwaukee	62	83	.428	29

West Division

Cincinnati

Los Angeles	84	61	.579	_
San Francisco	77	69	.527	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Arizona	69	77	.473	15½
San Diego	69	78	.469	16
Colorado	61	85	.418	23½

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tion. (Jon Perez)

played in a big stadium (25,000 capacity) with over two thousand crowd in attendance last night," Abragan added in his report.

After being frustrated repeatedly by the CNMI's relentless defense in the opening 45 minutes of play, Laos finally made it to the board in the 53rd minute off forward Xayyaphon Sengsavang's goal. Sengsavang provided the needed spark in

years or older), expert body-

held last night that started at

6pm. Competition begins at

5pm with the seeding in the

men's and women's open divi-

The seeding format, which

only started last year, gives the

judges a preview of what to

look forward to in the final day

of competitions in the body-

board and flowboard's open and

In today's seeding, open and

expert riders will only have 45 seconds to show their skills and

other stunts. The rider with the

highest scores after two rides

sions at 5pm today.

expert divisions.

A practice round was also

board, and novice divisions.

Laos' lackluster offense after the first half, as the substitute player added two more goals, scoring in the 56th and 61st minute. Starter and defender Thatthaya Phoutthavong and midfielder Boulapha Chaleungsouk delivered the two other goals for the hosts, as they hit the board in the 81st and 79th minute, respectively.

The five goals against Laos was the least the CNMI has allowed so far. Against Timor-Leste, the Commonwealth bets gave up eight and then allowed

will get the top seeding where the higher seeds will be paired against the low seeds in Saturday's elimination.

PIC director of sports, entertainment, and activities Glenn Policare said the event is also open to newbies who haven't tried the flowrider vet with the Experts will give them riding tips and other pointers.

IT&E, Bridge Capital, LLC, PIC Saipan, Pacific Trading Co., Jeju Airlines, Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Swirls, Loco Boutique, Waveloch, Japan Flowrider Association, and Boarderline are the event spon-

For more information, contact Policare at glenn.policare@ picsaipan.com or 237-5148.

13 in their game opposite Ma-

"I believe the boys got their confidence back after the game last night (Wednesday). This confidence will help the team get the best result this Sunday. Today (yesterday) we relax, enjoy, and free the mind. We have three days to recover before our biggest match for this tournament," Angeles added.

The CNMI assistant coach is talking of their last game in the qualifier against the Philippines this Sunday at 4pm (7pm Saipan time). The Philippines representatives are also winless

in two games and were scheduled to challenge the unbeaten Malaysia (2-0) last night. In an earlier interview with Saipan Tribune, the CNMI coaches said they have a strong chance against the Philippines.

Meanwhile, midfielder Joshua De Leon is recovering well after getting injured in the 28th minute of the match.

"Joshua was checked by LFF medical doctor and after the game was carried in an ambulance to the hospital for x-ray and further checkup. Right about the same time we arrived at the hotel for our dinner, Joshua also

arrived and was ushered by the team on a wheelchair to rest his leg. The doctors cleared Joshua's x-ray from broken bones and he is recovering and rested last night," Eric Abragan said.

De Leon was a starter for the CNMI, joining goalie Clayton Izuka, Euly Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, Mareko Tekopua, Thaiphi Austria, Louie Calayad, Emmanuel Aniana, Sunjoon Tenorio, Anthony Fruit, and Chad Shankweiller. Jonathan Capayas relieved the injured De Leon, while Alex Park and Edwin Kim were the two other substitutes.

Purple Rain (2-2) and the winless Eh Di Wow (0-5) complete

Kidlat fell behind in the first half as it challenged Red Rice without its top scorer Manolo Manalo. Red Rice, on the other hand, had old reliables-Darwin Barbo and Michael Cabanas—delivering the goods for the team to move closer to ending their two-game slide.

Barbo so far has fired a gamehigh 15 points, while Cabanas already has chipped in 13 to outclass Kidlat in a battle of depleted squads. Both teams played with only five players each available for last Wednesday's match. Joseph Achas, Arman Anasan, and Danrey Chan were the other players who suited up for Red Rice with the former contributing 6 and the last two adding 4 and 2.

Barbo and Cabanas alternately hit baskets for Red Rice early in the game to give their team control of the match. Cabanas scored Red Rice' first 6 points, while Barbo also had a streak, nailing the squad's next 7 markers. Barbo had another string of points late in the first half, as he knocked in three straight bas-

Cabanas and Barbo's combined output in the first half allowed Red Rice to withstand the

good 3-point shooting of Kidlat in the opening 20 minutes of play. Kidlat got its first 9 markers from downtown off the two triples from Justin Zapanta and one from White Capalad. Zapanta nailed one more shot from beyond the arc midway in that period before he was held to one field goal the rest of the way, as Kidlat clearly missed the production of Manalo.

Meanwhile, games this weekend are as follows: Pasion De Amor versus Ed Di Wow tonight; Hard Kulangot against Wag Kang Pabebe and Makalaro Lang over Purple Rain this Saturday; and Oh My J versus Kidlat and Red Rice against Wag Kang Pabebe this Sunday.

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CNMI U16 team back on track



REPORTER

p against the host squad and the partisan crowd, the CNMI U16 National Team played its best defensive game so far in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers, holding down Laos to five goals last Wednesday night at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane.

The Kiyoshi Sekiguchicoached squad played no let up on defense in the entire

first half to blank Laos before the host found ways to score in the second.

"I would say this is their best game ever. The players listened and did exactly what the coaches told them to do, that's why we held Laos to five goals. The 0-0 first half is a great accomplishment for the CNMI team. Everybody did whatever they can to stop Laos from scoring, throwing their bodies to block the opponent's shots. Everybody felt good after the game. We achieved our goal of five or less goals from Laos," as-

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The CNMI's Mareko Tekopua, right, stays close on defense against Laos' Thanousone Silipanya during the first half of their game in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers last Wednesday night at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane, Laos.

Last year's champs to defend titles

Champions of last year's Point Break Open will try to defend their respective division titles when the 2015 edition of the annual Pacific Islands Clubhosted tournament kicks off today at its flowrider facility in San Antonio.

Local bet Keoni Ichihara, last year's men's flowboard champion, will attempt to thwart the respective bids of Ray Babauta, Chris Mojar, and Dan Westphal to grab the title from his hands.

Kaouru Nishimura of Japan. likewise, will be the person to beat in the women's category after she qualified and competed in the 2014 Asia Flow Series Finals held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Kids bodyboard champion Vova Propenko of Russia aims to again foil the attempt of riders from Japan and Korea to dislodge him on top. The kids' bodyboard category is 12-17 years old while the Grommets is



Under-11.

The two-day event, which ends on Saturday with the finals, attracted riders from Japan, Ko-

rea, the Philippines, Russia, and the United States.

Close to 30 had already signed up as of Thursday, which is spread out in the men and women's open, masters (35

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sistant coach Jershwin Angeles very exciting. It drew a very was quoted as saying in a report from team manager Eric Abra-

"The CNMI vs. Laos was

loud and electrifying crowd complete with drums/band. This is the first time our players

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Red Rice leads suspended game



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Red Rice is ahead of Kidlat, 40-31, in the suspended game in the

2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League played last Wednesday at the Navy Hill court.

Pending results of the match that was halted due to darkness, Red Rice (2-3) stayed at the No. 7 spot in the team standings. Kidlat was a notch lower at No. 8 with its 1-4 record. Makalaro Lang (4-1), Hard Kulangot (3-1), Wag Kang Pabebe (3-1), Oh My J (3-1), Pasion De Amor (2-2),

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